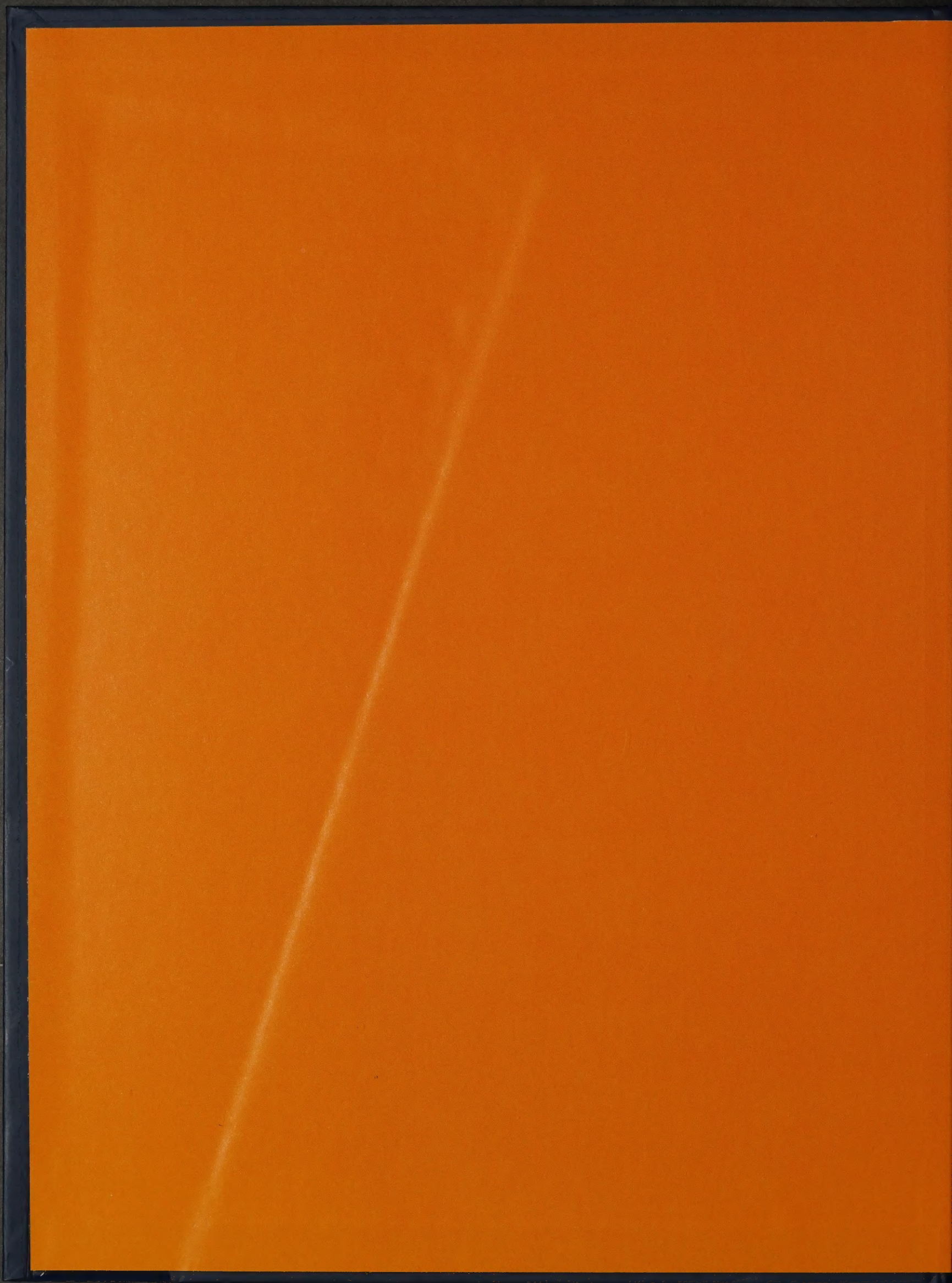



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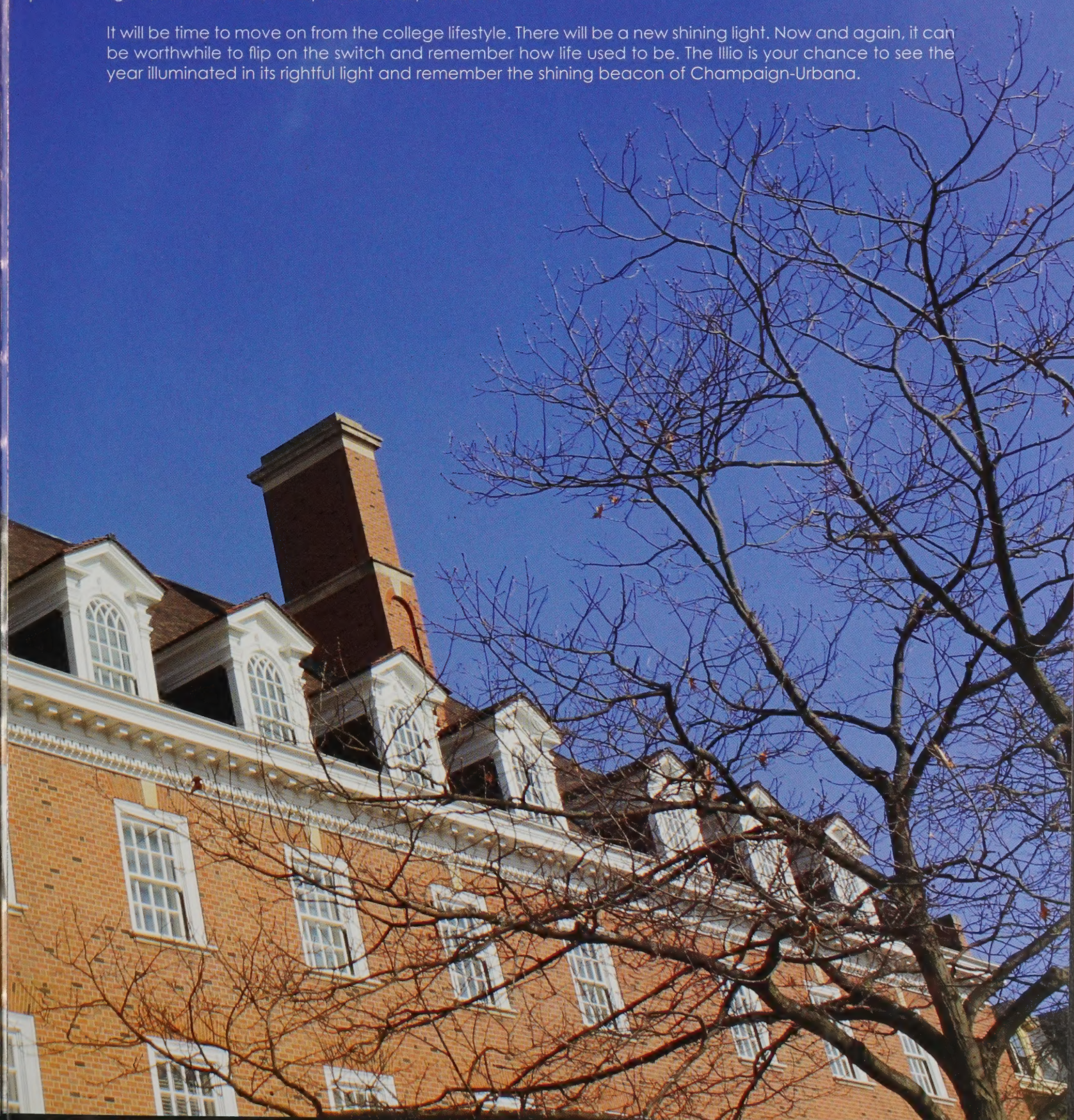
The spotlights are on us right now. They're big, they're bold and they're pointing straight at Champaign-Urbana, highlighting our every move.


If one looks into the light they will see students plugged into their iPods rushing across the Quad. Or intoxicated young adults stumbling down Green Street. Or athletes working hard in the sporting complexes. Or high school seniors carrying bright orange bags on tours of campus for the first time. Or families taking pictures in front of the Alma Mater. Or researchers making groundbreaking discoveries in the lab.

Although we lead very different lifestyles as college students, our lives are interconnected and illuminated through social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and even the Quad Cam.

Soon, the spotlight will be shut off. The curtains will close and we will move on to the next scene while the light follows the latest crop of University students.

It will be time to move on from the college lifestyle. There will be a new shining light. Now and again, it can be worthwhile to flip on the switch and remember how life used to be. The Illio is your chance to see the year illuminated in its rightful light and remember the shining beacon of Champaign-Urbana.





Emma McMullen and Annette Merkel, freshmen in LAS and winners of the Illini Union Board's "Deck our your room" contest hang out in their Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall dorm room.

"Our room is unique because it's not just designed to be where we sleep, but where we live. It's bright, fun, comfortable and has truly taken on both of our personalities," said McMullen.




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Kyle Goethals, senior in Media, pours buckets of blended yogurt and fruit to make the world's largest smoothie outside Memorial Stadium on Aug. 19.



The Canopy Club's new Piano Man, Ben Montalbano, junior in FAA, performed for one of the first times Jan. 31. He played many requests from the audience including songs from Van Morrison, Britney Spears and Shaggy.



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ACCADEMICS

As the states' flagship university, the University of Illinois places a high value on academics with more than 150 undergraduate programs and more than 100 graduate and professional programs. Due to an esteemed faculty, many of these programs are among the top ranked in the country and the world.

Main Library



Story by: Emily Bayci
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GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

The College of Business is ranked 14th in undergraduate programs nationwide. The college offers programs in accountancy, business administration and finance. There is also the opportunity to pursue a minor. Approximately 2,800 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students are enrolled in the college.

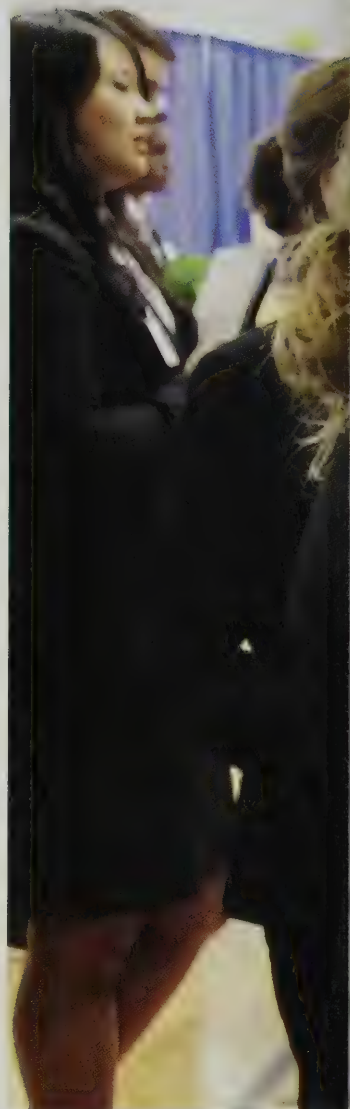
The primary business building, completed in 2008, is located on the corner of Sixth and Gregory: the Business Instructional Facility (BIF). BIF's environmentally friendly design makes it the first business facility at a public university anywhere in the world to earn platinum certification through LEED, a U.S. Green Building Council rating system. It is also the first "green" building at the University.

The building is three floors with more than 160,000 square feet. Inside there are modern classrooms,

a 300-seat auditorium, student program offices, a recruitment suite and career development and academic counseling centers.

The college offers many resources and opportunities for students to help them stay on track for getting jobs and internships. Career fairs are held every year along with many campus visits from different companies and recruiting agencies. Business Career Services can help students set up job shadowing opportunities and network with recruiters.

There are also several student organizations for students enrolled in the college, including Business Council, as well as business organizations outside of the college, such as business fraternities.



In-State tuition: \$17,500
Out-of-State tuition: \$27,826
Required fees per year: \$3,788

The College of Business offers over 33 concentrations
The most popular major is accountancy

61.5% of graduates of the college are now employed
Students in the College of Business have access to recruiters on
I-LINK, a career recruiting website

Most popular Business buildings: Business Instructional Facility (BIF)
and Wohlers Hall

FAST FACTS



Lauren Pusateri, senior in LAS, networks with a recruiter at The Business Career Fair.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Fei Ye, Junior in Marketing

Work Experience: Technical Marketing Internship with Caterpillar

Activities: Business 101 Section Leader, Illinois Business Consulting, Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations

Advice for other students in business: "Get involved. Period."



Students study at the Business Instructional Facility.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

With more than 70 majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, every LAS student can find a major to fit their interests. With the most popular majors being biology, psychology, political science, communication, English and economics, the College offers a broad spectrum of choices.

Students are required to fulfill general education requirements, which allow them to discover exactly what their interests are.

The College provides a wealth of resources and has staff members ready to assist students. Associate Director of Office Operations Gretchen Pein Baloun helps LAS students pick the perfect major or, for some, majors.

Brenten Popiel, junior in Molecular and Cellular Biology, has the opportunity to pursue courses outside of his scientific expertise.

"I have the chance to find classes that can supplement my Pre-Med coursework but also allow me to enhance my other skills, such as writing."

The College of LAS provides students with a well-rounded education unlike any other college at the University. Whether one is interested in science, English or mathematics, they will find exactly what they're looking for in the College of LAS.



SENIOR PROFILE Caroline Bednarski

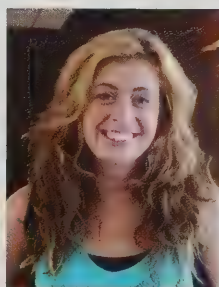
Major: Microbiology
and Psychology

Hardest LAS class ever
taken?
Organic Chemistry

Favorite LAS class?
Endocrinology

Post Grad Plans? Medical School

Any advice for LAS freshmen?
Stay on top of your homework and lectures.
Study all the time and don't wait until the
last minute, when it's too late to learn all of
the material.



FRESHMAN PROFILE Yueqi Feng

Major: Math

Favorite aspect of the
College of LAS?
great majors

Favorite class so far?
ESL 114

Classes you are looking forward to taking?
Philosophy 101

What are your future goals as a LAS student?
Finding an internship





Senior Communication Leaders Taylor Behrman, Shannon McGuire and Kathleen Nolan, explain the internship process to undergraduate students at Meet the Communication Department night.

TIPS TO FINDING YOUR NICHE IN LAS FROM GRETCHEN BALOUN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Choose with your heart and your head

"Pick a major that you enjoy instead of focusing on how it will impact your career path. All LAS majors can serve you in any career."

Don't be scared to double major

"Double majoring can be beneficial, especially because many LAS electives can count towards a multitude of majors."

Switching majors is not the end of the world

"If your major is not a fit, there are many others to choose from within the College. The broad requirements of LAS allows for students to change majors by using course credit that they have already received."

Use the College of LAS Resources

"We [The College of LAS] do what we can do to ensure that students get their questions answered about academic issues."

EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN

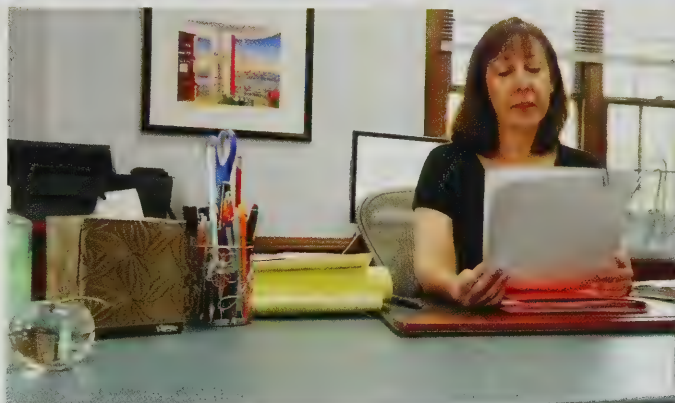
**Q & A with Laurie Kramer,
Associate Dean for Academic Services**

Q: What career paths do students in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences usually take?

A: Probably anything under the sun. We have 11 majors and all of them have concentrations, so there are really more than 40 different concentrations that are available. Our departments, our majors are very diverse, so students are interested in anything related to the food, environmental systems, human systems, financial economic systems.

Q: For the agricultural business majors, why agricultural and not the College of Business?

A: What we offer in our department of agriculture and consumer economics is a variety of concentrations that are really appropriate for people who want to know about economics, finance, accounting, business mostly related to the context of agricultural industries dealing with agricultural related problems. The basic skills that apply beyond the agricultural context. Many of graduates work in financial organizations, banks and the markets.



Q: What is different from the Animal Science majors who aren't Pre-Vet?

A: A lot of the students that come to the College of ACES for Animal Sciences want to become veterinarians and our major is set up to certainly prepare those students to excel in animal sciences. But students learn through their courses that there are lots of different career paths for people that are interested in working with animals or getting involved with the science related to animals.

Q: Is there any new research being done within the College of ACES?

A: There is amazing research being done in the college. Everything related to agricultural and biological engineering, to working on cancer. All those issues that deal with human health, feeding the world and dealing with world hunger and dealing with the environmental issues that we are facing.



"I chose the College of ACES because I felt like it would lead me to a profession as far away from a cubical as possible. I had always wanted to be a park ranger and the majors offered in this college seemed like they could help me achieve my goal of becoming a park ranger. I plan on graduating with a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences with a concentration in Fish and Wildlife Conservation. With this degree I hope to find a career in The National Park Service." - Michael Richlak

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Enrollment: 2,440 undergraduate students

Tuition: Some programs cost more than others, including Agricultural Engineering, at \$2,000 more than the base tuition rate of \$11,104 for residents.

Buildings: ACES Library, Mumford Hall, Bevier Hall, Agricultural Engineering Sciences Building, Turner Hall, National Soybean Research Center, Animal Sciences Laboratory

Events: ExplorACES is a two-day event held every March for incoming freshmen or transfer students to learn about academic and career opportunities.

Engagement: Seniors in Hospitality Management have the opportunity to serve other students at the Spice Box, a student-run restaurant, operated from Bevier Hall.

FAST FACTS

Margaret Najarian, senior majoring in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, studies organic farming practices at the Cruse Farm.



BEYOND THE BASICS



Bardeen Quad

Student Body Engineering Enrollments, Fall 2010

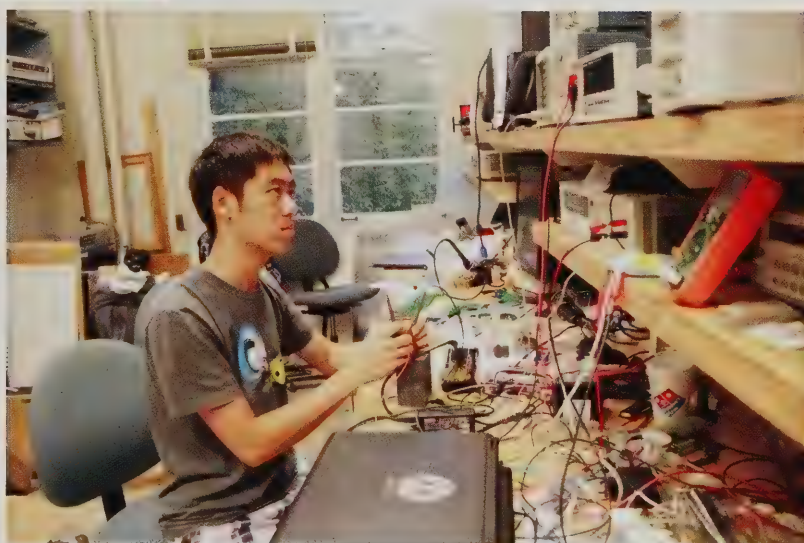
Major	Undergraduates	Graduates
Aerospace Engineering	376	150
Agricultural and Biological Engineering	136	51
Bioengineering	158	44
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	514	107
Civil and Environmental Engineering	803	459
Computer Science	896	451
Electrical and Computer Engineering	1,546	507
Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering	587	92
Materials Science and Engineering	309	158
Mechanical Science and Engineering	938	364
Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering	174	67
Physics	332	261
Nondegree	201	
Total for all departments	6,970	2,711

The College of Engineering is one of the highlights of Illinois, ranking consistently among MIT, CIT, Stanford, UC Berkeley, and Georgia Tech. Each year around a thousand graduates enter the work force and become leaders in the field. Illinois provides multiple resources for students who want to study engineering:

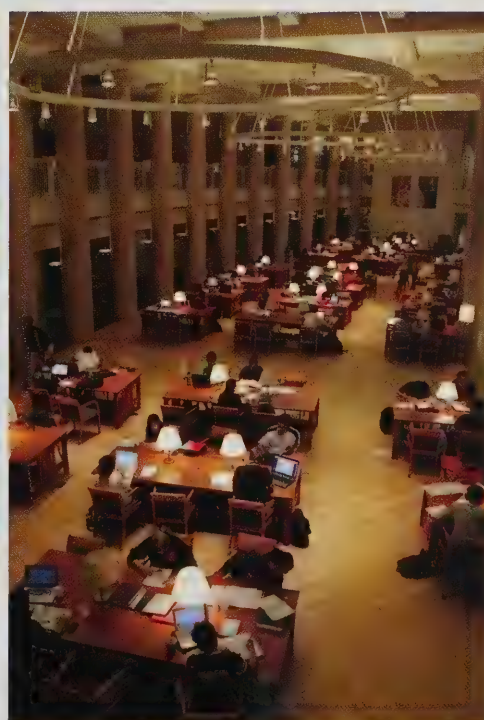
- ECS-Engineering Career Services
- IPENG-International Programs in Engineering
- Technology Entrepreneur Center
- Computer labs in Siebel Center

But, these do not come free. The Class of 2014 engineering students pay a \$2,364 fee for Engineering each semester.

How would you describe your experience in the College of Engineering?		
	Stephanie Chou, Sophomore in Electrical Engineering	Alex Hinz, Junior in Computer Engineering
Positive	Reputable. U of I engineering is famous in industry and we have a large alumni population.	Challenging. I take challenging as a positive word.
Negative	Anxiety, the always not enough time to do things slowly.	Stressful.
Other	Research-oriented. Faculties are really focused on research.	Fulfilling.



ABOVE – Oliver Cai, IT director of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, tests the performance of his new invention.
RIGHT – Students study late into the night at Grainger Engineering Library, open 24 hours a day, 5 days a week.



NOT A HOBBY, BUT A LIFESTYLE

ALAN T. METTE, EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

"I think since I have been here, there's always been a certain interest in design. Many of the students that come from the Chicago area are really very interested in design. Graphic design, historically, has been one of the areas in which students are most interested in. Part of that is because they've heard most about it because of our culture.

Industrial design is also a very big area. Graphic design is working graphically or 2-dimensionally, but industrial design is working 3-dimensionally, more in terms of product design. It's pretty time intensive. I think that if you go into the arts and major in it, it's because there's a love there. It really in many ways, becomes your life."



Nora McCarthy, junior, Allie Pavlich, senior and Gretchen Schreiber, senior, all majoring in metals, display their creative jewelry art they made in class.



Dance rehearsal at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

Nora Tonge

Dance Performance
Concentration: Modern Dance

"If you're a dancer, you're already used to this lifestyle. You're used to working hard, and being in classes all day and all night."

Kelsey Middleton

Dance Performance
Concentration: Modern Dance

"We spend like 40 to 60 hours a week [dancing and rehearsing]. You could have classes from 8 to 5 and then have rehearsal from 6:30 to 8:30"

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

YEARS FLY BY



A Piper Arrow sits parked at Willard Airport bathed in waning sunlight.

Enrollment: 150 students

Tuition: Fees between \$1,000-\$5,000 per advanced flight class

Location: Willard Airport in Savoy

There is a 30 airplane fleet including 18 Piper Archers, 7 Piper Arrows, 3 Piper Seminoles, 2 Cessna 152s.

Institute training constitutes 85% of the operations at Willard.

Willard Airport offers 10 commercial flights a day for university and business travelers.

FAST FACTS

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Institute of Aviation will close. This was voted on by University trustees in July 2011 and they decided to allow the current students to finish their degrees.

"I obviously don't like it," said Jessica Palarczyk, senior in Aviation. "It's sad. I wish it was staying open."

In the meantime, students will continue to pursue their degrees and enjoy learning how to fly.

Students take two aviation classes every semester: a flight class at Willard Airport and a ground class, which meets on campus.

There are several requirements for Aviation every semester. It takes two semesters to earn a private license, where one can fly anytime of the day without an instructor.

"The best thing about flying is seeing new places, seeing campus, and flying over football games," said Ryan Libert, sophomore in Aviation. "We fly right over Nashville and we go to St. Louis."

Students receive a new license every academic year; going from private to instrument to commercial to multi-engine to flight instructor.

"My grandpa was an aircraft mechanic and flew in WWII with the Army Air Corps," said Kirk Adkisson, junior in Aviation. "My father is a mechanic as well and restores antique aircraft. Flying means a lot to me because it runs in my family."

The planes have enough room for the pilot and two additional adults. The full time instructional staff consists of professionals and fifth year seniors who fly.

Something the Institute of Aviation is known for is its "Fun Flights." The thirty-minute flights feature a scenic view of the Champaign-Urbana area from several thousand feet and are only offered once a semester. Flights cost \$65.00 per half hour.



"Soloing for the first time I was a little nervous. And going through clouds."

-Jessica Palarczyk, senior



"It's really not frightening. We know what we're doing. I guess landings are the scariest part."

-Kirk Adkisson, junior



"The program is really fast for what it teaches you. It's back to back and the fact that you have to get it all right is a little scary."

-Ryan Libert, sophomore



The College of Law, 1504 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

LEARNING THE LAW

CHOOSING THE iLEAP PROGRAM

Illinois students interested in attending the College of Law have an advantage toward the application process. There is a program for Illinois undergraduate students called the Illinois Law Early Action Program, which allows undergraduates to apply to the college without submitting an LSAT score.

iLEAP Application requirements:

Application requirements include a personal statement, essay, resume, two letters of recommendation, a college transcript and a Bachelor's Degree from the University.

iLEAP Students:

Among the 42 accepted students, there were 38 James Scholars, eight Chancellor Scholars, 12 high school valedictorians and 36 members of the Phi Eta Sigma honors society.



"iLEAP is a really great program for Illinois undergrads going to law school because not having to take the LSAT is a huge benefit. Not only is taking the LSAT a very stressful and time consuming procedure, it didn't prepare me for law school at all."
-Robert Young, second year Law student.

The College of Law's profiles for the Classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013 were exaggerated, according to findings from the University's ongoing investigation of the reporting of student scores. Bruce Smith, dean of the College of Law, issued a college-wide email Sept. 28, informing students, faculty and staff of the correct numbers.

According to the email, ten years of class profiles were reviewed, and errors were found in the reported class profiles of the past four years. This includes the scores reported for the Class of 2014, found to have been inaccurate in August.

The investigation began after a tip was brought to the University Ethics Office on Aug. 26, according to a Sept. 11 press release.

LAW SCHOOL SCANDAL



Erin Solomon and Jillian Schmitz, first year Law students, study in the cafeteria of the Law building.

KHAN ANNEX

A north addition, of more than 24,000 square feet was added to Huff Hall in Sept. 2011. The addition features state-of-the-art classrooms, research facilities and offices. It was constructed with funds from private donations.



TIME OF GROWTH

1895: The College of Applied Health Sciences is originally established as the Department of Physical Training, later renamed The College of Applied Life Studies.

1895: The Department of Kinesiology is originally established as The Departments of Physical Training for Men and Physical Training for Women.

1924: The first student graduates with a B.S. in education under the major of Physical Education.

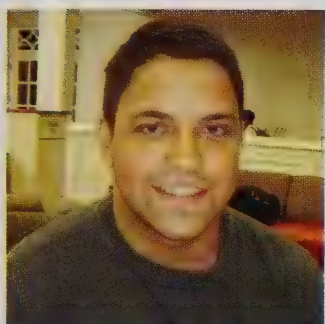
1957: The Department of Community Health is originally established as the Department of Health and Safety Information, later merging with the Department of Kinesiology.

1957: The Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism is originally established as the Department of Recreation.

1991: The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences is transferred from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the College of Applied Life Studies.

2006: The College of Applied Life Studies is renamed The College of Applied Health Sciences.

2009: i-Health is added as an undergraduate program. The interdisciplinary program is devoted to better understanding health issues from social and behavioral science perspectives.



"I chose the College of Applied Health Sciences because I started out as a pre-med student, but wasn't too into hardcore sciences like biology or chemistry. I felt like being a Community Health major gave me more of a general health experience than the hardcore science classes did. I take classes in healthcare organization, epidemiology, health administration, rehabilitation and things that seem more applicable than organic chemistry."

—**Santos Gordils, junior in Community Health and Illinois Student Senator**



"The growth of this college has been tremendous. It's gone very far. Right now, we're really impressed with the way that we're growing. Students are beginning to understand the importance of issues such as health and wellness, and are therefore coming toward our college."

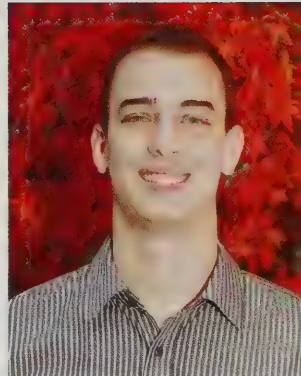
—**Adrienne L. Perlman, Ph. D., Speech and Hearing Sciences Department Head and professor**

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

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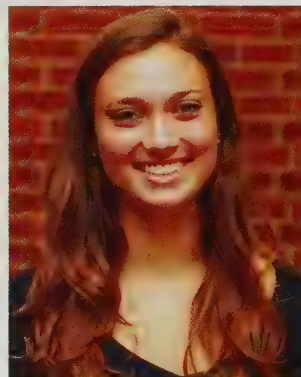
Nico Gianni, Senior in English with a Minor in Secondary Education

"In the College of Education, I have been granted access to some of the most respected researchers and teachers in the field. It is thanks to them that I am prepared to face any issue that may arise in our educational system."



Andrea Dudek, Senior in Early Childhood Education

"I chose to become a teacher to help children develop socially and mentally and be the positive influence that, unfortunately, not every child gets from their own home. It's important to remember that as a teacher you must have patience, sympathy, and compassion."



Carli Padgett, Junior in Elementary Education

"Teaching is a hard job, and everything you plan will not always work out. I've learned that if you are too rigid you are going to be disappointed with your outcomes, so just be patient and flexible and you will feel more successful."



BECOMING AN A+ TEACHER



Joe Cross, Pre-Teacher Education Adviser, ILU 101 to freshmen in an Education 101 seminar.

The college offers three majors: Early Child, Elementary, and Special Education. Students can minor in Secondary School Teaching.

The undergraduate student to faculty ratio is 7 to 1.

All applicants are admitted to Pre-Teacher Education. Students officially apply to the college second semester of their freshman year, or first semester of their sophomore year.

Students pay an additional \$676 to offset costs of early field and student teaching experiences.

FAST FACTS

FINDING YOUR WAY



Q & A with Ryan Tomasiewicz, Academic Advisor

Q: How would you define your job in a sentence?

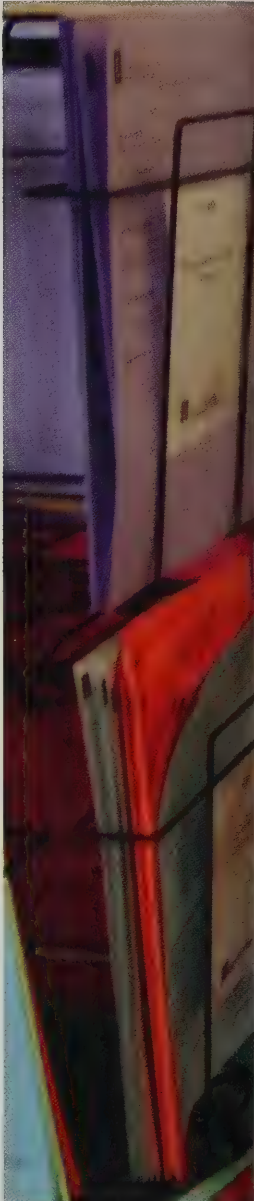
A: My job has made me an expert on the first two years at Illinois and an expert on the 120 majors offered here at Illinois.

Q: What main purpose does the Division of General Studies serve for its students?

A: DGS is a place for students looking to explore and expand. This is the place they can do that in a supportive environment. It's all about finding your place and understanding your path. It can be thought of as a stepping stone where the student can make informed choices and eventually find his or her path.

Q: What are incoming freshmen most anxious about when they arrive on campus?

A: I have a comprehensive understanding of how it feels to be a senior in high school and not have the slightest clue what to major in. Being a freshman in college is a massive life transition in itself, and it is comforting to know that Illinois offers a cushion to those who need an extra year or two to explore potential career paths.



"DGS has helped guide me through a lot of choices and has also helped increase my awareness of the opportunities on campus."

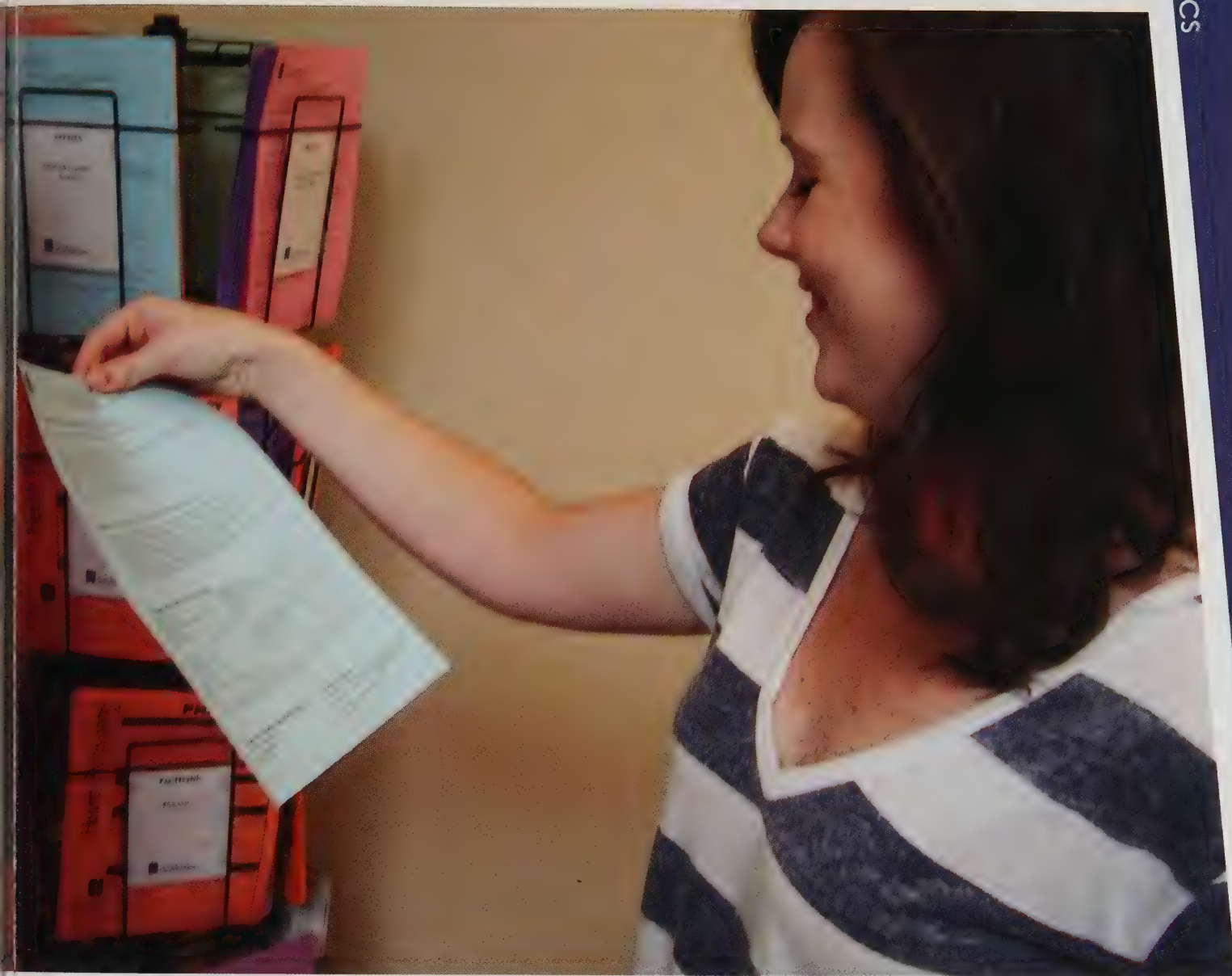
-Johnson Ogbonna



"I've seen multiple advisers many times and I've only been on campus for a couple of weeks. They were all very thorough with all of the courses I had the option of taking. They were definitely on my side throughout the entire process."

-Jungeun Choi

FRESHMAN SPOTLIGHT



An undergraduate student looks through the informational fliers about majors and minors in the Division of General Studies advising office.

Enrollment: 3,100 students
24% of freshmen are DGS students
14 advisers
Student to adviser ratio: 1 to 300

The Division of General Studies helps students have a smooth transition from high school to college.

FAST FACTS

LIFELONG LEARNERS PURSUE ADVANCED EDUCATION

DID YOU KNOW?

Coble Hall is home to the Graduate College, on the southwest corner of Wright and John streets. Built in 1913, it was renamed in honor of Arthur B. Coble in 1947 upon his retirement from the Head of the Department of Mathematics. Coble served as president of the American Mathematical Society while serving as a full time professor at the University from 1934 through 1947.

There are 140 graduate programs offering 300 degrees.

2011-2012 graduate expenses are estimated to be around \$16,618 per semester. This includes room, board, books and supplies.

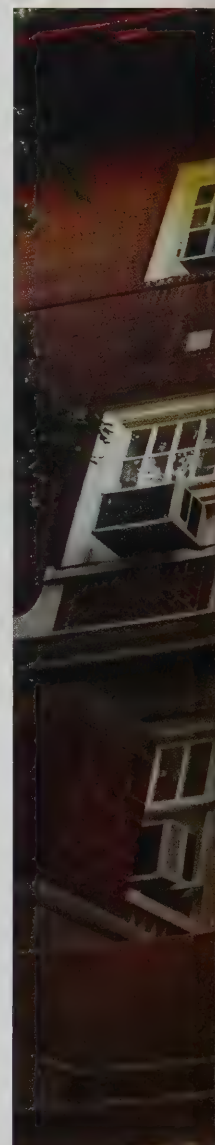
There are more than 140,000 alumni of the Graduate College living around the world, making the Urbana-Champaign campus one of the largest graduate degree granting institutions in the nation.

Every Sunday, all graduate students receive an electronic bulletin called GradLinks, which consists of information that is widely pertinent to students. Graduate students can submit information they find valuable to their peers.

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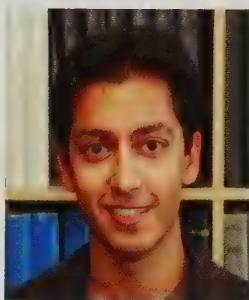
In-State tuition: \$10,908
Out-of-state tuition: \$24,174

Popular majors:
Business Administration,
Chemistry, and School of Social
Work





"The Graduate College offers top-notch resources, from professional development tools to teaching assistance, that have certainly aided in my transition to the U of I."
-Liesel Sharabi, graduate student in Communication



"I really like being a graduate student because I have the freedom to work on what I want, rather than being told what to work on."
-Puskar Naha, graduate student in Engineering

GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



A look up the steps to Coble Hall, home to the Graduate College.

PREPARED FOR THE WORKFORCE



Josh Bruketta, graduate student in Human Resource and Industrial Relations

Tight-knit community

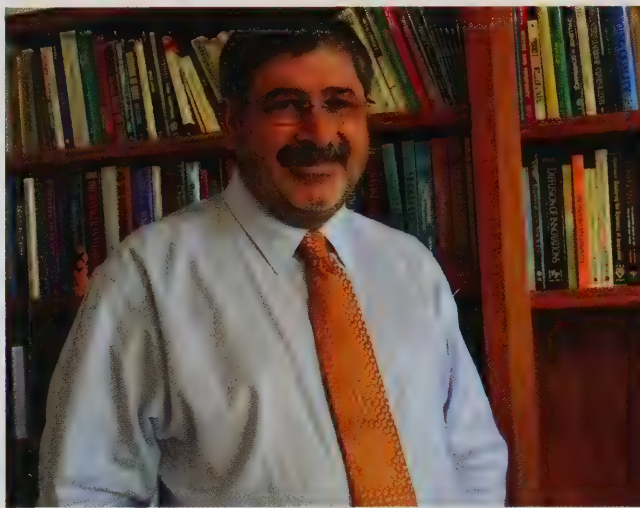
"We know that we can all call each other if we need help with something even after a few years down the road."

Relationship with companies

"This three semester program is great. Not only do most students get a paid internship but at least 98% have a job before they graduate."

Out of the classroom

During his time as a graduate student at the School of LER, Bruketta is the social chair for "LER Thursdays," which is an outing for the students at the school to spend time with each other in a less stressful environment.



Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, Dean & Professor

School of LER Beginnings

The School of Labor and Employment Relations was established in 1946 after World War II. This was a time when many war veterans were looking for secure employment with important benefits, like health insurance.

School structure

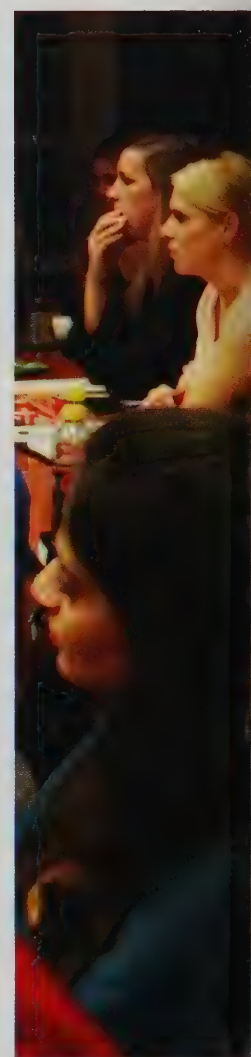
Although the college is mainly a graduate school, undergraduates can also work towards a LER minor. Many students take these courses online. Although it appears that there may be a large number of non-traditional students taking LER courses, the enrollment still primarily consists of undergraduate students of the University.

Why are so many of the LER courses online?

"The University wanted to expand on its selection of online classes," said Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, Dean and Professor of the School of LER. "But most of the LER classes are still in a class setting, especially the graduate courses which are all in-class."

What are they teaching and learning?

The School of LER caters to teaching both the human resource management and helping the laborers in the workplace setting. It is the top human resource school in the nation and trains about 2,000 union leaders a year. When asked whether these two sides ever clash in the school, Dean Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld said, "It (The School of LER) was created to make a middle ground for two sides with a common goal."



Enrollment: Under 1,000 students are enrolled, but almost 85% of online classes taken at the University are LER classes

Location: Labor & Employment Relations building on Fifth and Armory

The school has about 180 Master degree-seeking students and 15 PHD degree-seeking students.

SHRM: The Society for Human Resource Management, the University student chapter for exploring human resource management, career opportunities and networking with professionals.

LIRA: Labor and Industrial Relations Association, created to provide a forum for students to participate in social, volunteer, fundraising and alumni relations activities.

MSA: Multicultural Students Association strives to recruit, retain and support qualified students from underrepresented minority groups.

FAST FACTS



Students listen to an information session from PepsiCo to learn about the company and job opportunities within Human Resources.



Hannah Ehrenberg, senior in ACES and Urbana campus student trustee, is a guest for a live on set interview with anchors and seniors in Media Tiffany Champion and Gina Chinino during the UI-7 broadcast.

Department of Advertising

Created by Charles Sandage, the "Father of Advertising Education," the Department of Advertising was founded in 1949 and has changed dramatically with media ever since. Students learn in a department rated as the Top Undergraduate program, as ranked by faculty. The American Advertising Federation is an organization where students can get connections to real-world experience.

"I think the best part of the advertising program is the way each class uses real-life examples in teaching. Through my core advertising classes I've worked with several clients and helped with marketing techniques, created visually stimulating ads for real brands, and created entire campaigns from scratch," said Catie Ruschak, senior in Advertising.

Department of Media and Cinema Studies

The MACS department offers a variety of courses giving students a greater appreciation for film. For example: MACS 100- Into to Popular TV & Movies, MACS 207- Indian Cinema in Context and MACS 322- Politics and the Media.

Enrollment: 1,100 undergraduate and graduate students. More than 10,000 living alumni

Tuition: \$11,104
Journalism and Advertising: \$11,848

Location: Gregory Hall

FAST FACTS

AND NOW LIVE FROM THE C-U

Department of Agricultural Communications

ACES and Media are in collaboration, allowing students the benefits of each college's faculty and staff. When one graduates, they become an alumnus of both colleges. More than 15 graduate and undergraduate courses are available to students. Degrees can take students anywhere, to do anything. Graduates have worked at educational institutions, media firms, manufacturers and marketers, government agencies and more. Agricultural journalism training offers a dynamic background to help students break into various professions.

Department of Journalism

Accredited, highly selective and internationally respected, the department of journalism has professors who have won Emmy Awards, Peabody Awards and created Public Broadcasting. Students in both the News-Editorial and Broadcast programs enjoy a faculty unmatched by any other Big Ten university, including three Pulitzer Prize winners. Professor Brant Houston, who teaches investigative journalism, holds the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Chair in Investigative and Enterprise Reporting. Those looking for more experience outside the classroom can join a variety of National Associations and Societies, or student-run organizations like J.A.M.S, otherwise known as Journalism, Advertising, Media Studies Club. Special projects in various classes, such as the CU-Citizen Access poverty project and Professor Eric Meyer's CampusCrime.net, have won numerous awards and have allowed students to become involved in making a difference through their journalistic abilities.



Chelsea Insprucker, senior in Media, operates a camera to film anchors Tiffany Champion and Gina Chinino for the UI-7 broadcast in Journalism 445.

Franklin Kramer, graduate student in Information Sciences, moderates an online class to ensure the technology is running smoothly and to help the professor and students with technology related issues.



RAE-ANNE MONTAGUE, ASSISTANT DEAN OF GSLIS

"We are very interested in the combination of linking grounded history and innovative experience when continuing our research."

SHARON JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

"The incredibly close and tight knit community of students, faculty, alumni and staff within GSLIS, allows for the continual growth and bettering of our program."

BEYOND THE BOOKS

Among the many accredited programs on campus, the Graduate School of Library and Information Science is in the top tier. In 2009, according to the U.S. News and World Report, the GSLIS tied for the top spot in the nation. This is not an uncommon trend for the college, as it is consistently named a top LIS school year after year.

With a current enrollment of 988 students, the faculty and staff continue to build on their tradition of shaping the future of information through creating pilot programs and educational opportunities only found at the University of Illinois. GSLIS has been the founder of many highly successful on-campus programs including the oldest LIS doctoral program in existence, their award-winning LEEP online education program, as well as a leading-edge degree in digital libraries.

Many factors can be noted in the success of GSLIS at the University. With the combination of one of the largest public university libraries in the world, the multitude

of practicum experience available, the dedication of the faculty, and the overall "positive energy" exerted by those involved in GSLIS, it is clear how GSLIS distinguishes itself.

GSLIS offers a variety of major areas of study, providing students with a diverse range of electives, allowing students to design their own programs. In recent years, programs for Services for Children and Youth, Digital Librarianship and Information Systems have consistently been high-ranking programs among LIS schools in the nation and remain some of the most popular areas of study on campus. Upholding such a reputation is made possible through the involvement of not only the current students, staff and faculty, but through large contributions made by GSLIS alumni each year.

With continued innovation, creativity and an interest in the relationship between information, technology and people, GSLIS continues to make strides in library and information science.

Location: 501 E. Daniel St.

Most Popular Concentrations:

In-State tuition: \$6,109

Out-of-State tuition: \$11,480

Semester Enrollment: 988

Services for Children & Youth
Digital Librarianship
Information Systems

FAST FACTS

MAKING MIRACLES

Over the past 40 years, the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign has grown into an accredited and celebrated program as a part of the University of Illinois College of Medicine. The College of Medicine at Illinois also has campuses in Peoria, Rockford and Chicago. With a mission to educate physicians for today's technologically advanced health care system and through a multidisciplinary approach to research, the college strives to remain one of the top medical programs in the country.

James W. Hall, Ed.D., Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Medical Scholars Program

Q: What makes the UIUC medical program stand-out from other medical programs within the University of Illinois College of Medicine and from other collegiate medical programs?

A: We provide a broad experience for students. Students are working on their medical degree while also studying everything from anthropology to engineering; we even had a med-student earn a medical degree as well as a Ph.D in music. The range of opportunities we provide for our students contributes to the diversity of the campus as a whole in many respects.

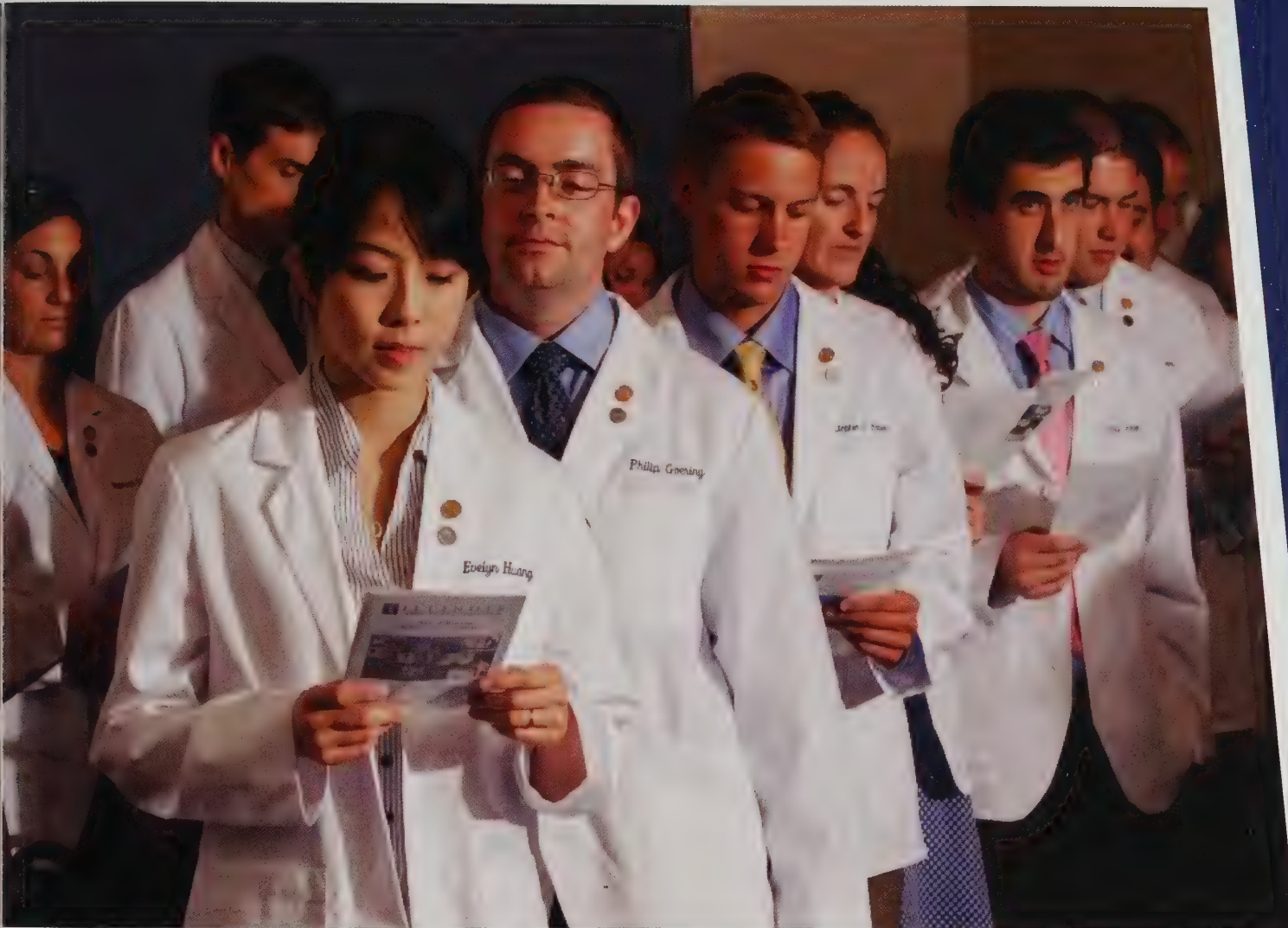


Carrie Booth, M1 with a concentration in Family Practice

Q: What made you choose the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign?

A: It seemed friendlier than the UIC campus, less of that big-city atmosphere, and the people seemed more likely to help. Also, since I want to study family practice, I like the more personal feel on campus here.





Evelyn Huang, Philip Goering, Christopher Foster, Margaret Ferris, and Chris Fecek, medical students, are honored during the white coat ceremony. It consists of a formal "robing" or "cloaking" of each student in his or her white coat with their name embroidered on the pocket before the second year begins.

Enrollment: 125 students are accepted every fall and there are over 300 students in the program total. After the completion of an undergraduate degree, 50 students are sent to the Rockford campus, 50 to the Peoria campus and 25 remain in Champaign-Urbana.

Tuition: Undergraduate tuition is \$16,500. Graduate tuition is based on field of study and is priced by hour.

Departments and Programs: Medical Scholars, Basic and Clinical Sciences, Clinical Affairs, Continuing Medical Education, Graduate Medical Education, Residency Programs, and Urban Health

FAST FACTS

MORE THAN JUST A MAJOR

2011-2012 was the second year of the Bachelor of Social Work program. In 2010 the college admitted 50 students, and in 2011 they admitted 75.

The BSW program is a junior-admit program. 50 hours of volunteer or paid work in a social service agency is required prior to beginning the program.

The Bachelors in Social Work Association (BSWA) is the official RSO for the BSW Program.

BSW Student Stephanie Maldonado was the 2011 Harry S. Truman Scholarship recipient, an honor given to a college junior with excellent leadership potential who is dedicated to a career in public service.

"We are the destination program for students that want to change the world. Our students are dedicated to advocating for social justice and serving vulnerable populations such as the poor, elderly, victims of child abuse and neglect, and persons with disabilities."

**DR. BRENDA COBLE LINDSEY, BSW PROGRAM
DIRECTOR & CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**



Dean and professor Wynne Sandra Korr talks with Christie Avgår, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the School of Social Work.



"I think the BSW program is different from other majors because it is almost like a family. All the students and teachers are so welcoming. They are so encouraging and genuinely want everyone to succeed."

-Sydney May, junior



"It's really great that when you complete your BSW from U of I, you are considered Advanced Standing for most MSW programs."

-Maura Manning, junior



"All my teachers know my name. They know facts about my life, and they take an interest in their students."

-Elena Kountoures, junior



Woonki Hong and his daughter visit the Veterinary Medicine Open House. The College of Veterinary Medicine, the state's only veterinary college and one of only 28 veterinary schools in the United States, opened its doors to the public on Oct. 2.

COMPANION ANIMAL MEMORIAL FUND

What it is: The death of a companion animal can mean a rough grieving process. In order to help, the Companion Animal Memorial Fund was established in 1984 to memorialize pets and contribute to research that helps other companion animals.

How to help: When an animal dies, contact the Veterinary Advancement Office, provide them with the owner and animal information and then the office will send a personalized card detailing what gesture was made in honor of the pet. Minimum donations of \$10 a pet are suggested for the program.

Uses of support: Gifts over \$1,250,000 have been donated for companion animals.

This program supports noninvasive projects at the College of Veterinary Medicine, mainly researching conditions in cats and dogs. It has also provided funds for the college's cancer specialist, veterinary dentist residents and the CARE Pet Loss Helpline.

HELPING MORE THAN JUST THE ANIMALS

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital within the college of Veterinary Medicine offers animal health facts straight from the hospital experts. The pets covered include everything from general information on cats and dogs to keeping a llama as a pet.

The Class of 1975 Endowment Scholarship Fund is for third-year students in the college who display a great interest in veterinary medicine in their community.

Anyone who donates to the college is recognized for their help by being listed in their annual donor list, invitations to events, and benefits from within the college.

In 1984, the college created the Companion Animal Memorial Fund to help families and friends with the grieving process if they lose their companion animal. So far over a million dollars has been raised for this program and continues to grow.

The Veterinary Student Outreach Program (VSOP) was created in attempt to get the community involved with the college by offering education on veterinary medicine for all ages.



Serena Lawfer, a veterinary medicine student, lets Jessica Kyndall put her hand inside the fistulated cow at the Veterinary Medicine Open House on Oct. 2.

Tuition:
Resident: \$22,740
Non Resident: \$39,204

Number of Students
Enrolled: 558

College Buildings:
Basic Sciences Building,
Large Animal Clinic,
Small Animal Clinic

FAST FACTS

STUDENT LIFE

The Illinois campus is home to more than 40,000 students with 272 major buildings placed on 1,458 acres of land. Students find ways to make a big school small through academic programs, Greek life, campus organizations and residence halls.

The trombones of the Marching Illini proceed to Memorial Stadium before the game against Northwestern on Oct. 1.



Story by: Emily Bayd
Photo by: Michael Laccabue
Design by: Monica Behrmann

1. Find dingy old dress clothes or a plain white shirt and then tear them or rub them in dirt so they look dirty.
2. Apply zombie makeup to your face: put blood everywhere and deep, dark circles around your eyes.
3. Splatter fake blood (could be ketchup or anything red) all over your hands, clothes and face.
4. Put your arms straight in front of you, nearly close your eyes and walk like a robot.
5. Speak in monotones.
6. Make sure to stay in character; you're dead after all.

HOW TO PLAY THE PART



3.1 MILES OF BLOOD

About 90 runners were chased by student zombies during the Zombie 5k Run on Oct. 29. The event was held by the Student Wildlife Society on campus to raise funds for the organization.

About 30 zombies, covered in face paint and "blood," roamed the main and south quads along the two-loop course and tried to "infect" the runners with their red-painted hands. There were winning categories for runners that finished the race without being infected and for runners that were infected but still finished the race. Infected runners also had the option to join the zombies and infect others.

The Wildlife Society, which focuses on sending students to grades K-12 to teach kids about wildlife, hoped to raise \$300 from the event. They were able to surpass their goal with around \$1,000 raised. The society also hosts workshops to educate college students about wildlife, and hopes to make the Zombie 5k Run an annual event.

Joe Frumkin, a junior and undergraduate representative for the Wildlife Society, said that the Illinois chapter of the national society focuses on getting out there and working with wildlife, and educating people while doing it. He said the zombie run had been done at other schools but never at Illinois.

"We're in the midst of planning everything so that it will be a lot easier come next October," Frumkin said. "So we're getting all of our sponsors together now and getting everything that needs fixing and just planning ahead of time to make sure everything is even more organized."

The society is humble about the zombie run's future.

"We were really happy with this year's results so next year's will be just as good if we get the same results," Frumkin said. "If we improve on it then that's all the better."



ABOVE- Adam Joines, second year Law student, Dave Mulligan, Illinois ('09 alumnus), Sam Sherman, freshman in LAS, and Daniel Chun, freshman in Engineering, perform a dead man's walk during the 5k race.



LEFT- Lillian Hislop, freshman in Engineering, prepares to spread "the blood" from her hands to runners.

CASSEL AND HIS CREW



#27 Andrew Cardona
Men's Division I

Year: Senior
Position: Forward
Shoots: Right
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 175
Hometown: Arlington Heights, IL

"He's a forward and he is definitely one of our more talented players. He's one of our top goal scorers on the team and he has that touch around the net. He does a good job of finishing and that's something that's difficult to teach. He's definitely a big part of the team as well."

-Head coach Chad Cassel





Mike Ursitti (32), Matt Welch (23), and Jon Langan (12) surround the net during the second period of a game against Kent State in October. The Illini harassed the Kent State goalie all night, outshooting the Flashers 43-22 in a 7-2 victory.



"I'm very honest with my players. They know exactly where they stand at all times. There are no surprises. I think that I have a good relationship with my players."

-Chad Cassel, Division I men's head coach

COACH SPOTLIGHT



Prospective students hear about campus safety on a tour given by Olivia Harmening, sophomore in FAA.

10 tours a week and Saturday program visits

40 employed tour guides

1 hour to 1.5 hour average tour length

15 people is considered a full tour

Tours on Monday-Friday start and end at Spurlock Art Museum

Tours on Saturday start and end at Noyes Laboratory

FAST FACTS

Story by: Jenny Crawford
Photos by: (left to right) Urian Franco, Michael Laccabue
Design by: Jillian Grachan

I-STARS GUIDE FUTURE STUDENTS



"Walking backwards for over an hour while talking very loudly becomes second nature. Sometimes I walk backwards to class. The only time it's difficult to lead a tour is when you have a large group. By large I mean 35 or more. It's not leading the group that is difficult, but shouting to the group because no matter how loud you try to speak, chances are the 15 in the back aren't going to hear you."

-Vita Wu, junior in LAS



"I've definitely improved my presentation and public speaking skills since working as an I-STAR. It sort of happens naturally when you have to lead tour groups."

-Ben Ganellen, junior in LAS



"The strangest thing I've been asked on tour was 'Why is the Indiana University insignia on our Alma Mater's chest?' I have gotten this question multiple times, and I explain that while our insignia and Indiana's insignia are similar, our Alma does have ours on her chest. The difference between the two is that the "U" on ours is more pronounced while the "I" is much larger with Indiana's insignia."

-Emily Shinogle, senior in LAS



Leah Seiler, junior in ACES, hangs out in front of what she calls the typical townie bar, KAMs.

Leah Seiler

Junior in ACES

Major: Agricultural Accounting

TOWNIE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Q: Were you raised an Illini fan?

A: Oh yeah, definitely. I bleed orange and blue!

Q: Did you always know you wanted to go to Illinois?

A: I knew I always wanted to go to Illinois, and I only applied to other schools as a backup plan. I'm a fourth generation Illini and I feel honored to wear orange and blue.

Q: What is Champaign like when all the students go home for break?

A: Campus is basically dead, but in a good sort of way. Townies literally take over and we post up at KAMs for hours on end.

Q: When do you think you'll get out of Champaign for the first time?

A: Potentially after college I could get a job outside of Champaign. I definitely would consider coming back later on in life because Champaign is a great town to settle down in and the college offers tons of benefits. There's truly nothing like growing up in a college town!

Story by: Brittany Harshbarger

Photos by: (left to right) Lauren Jackson, Urian Franco

Design by: Hannah Johnson

Christian Dorfer

Country of Origin: Austria

Senior in LAS

Major: Physics

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Q: What was it about the U of I that made you apply?

A: The great scholarship opportunities. Compared to the other universities UIUC offered about three times more money for my exchange semester.

Q: How often do you get to visit home?

A: Since I am just here for one semester I won't be visiting Austria until I go back there in January 2012.

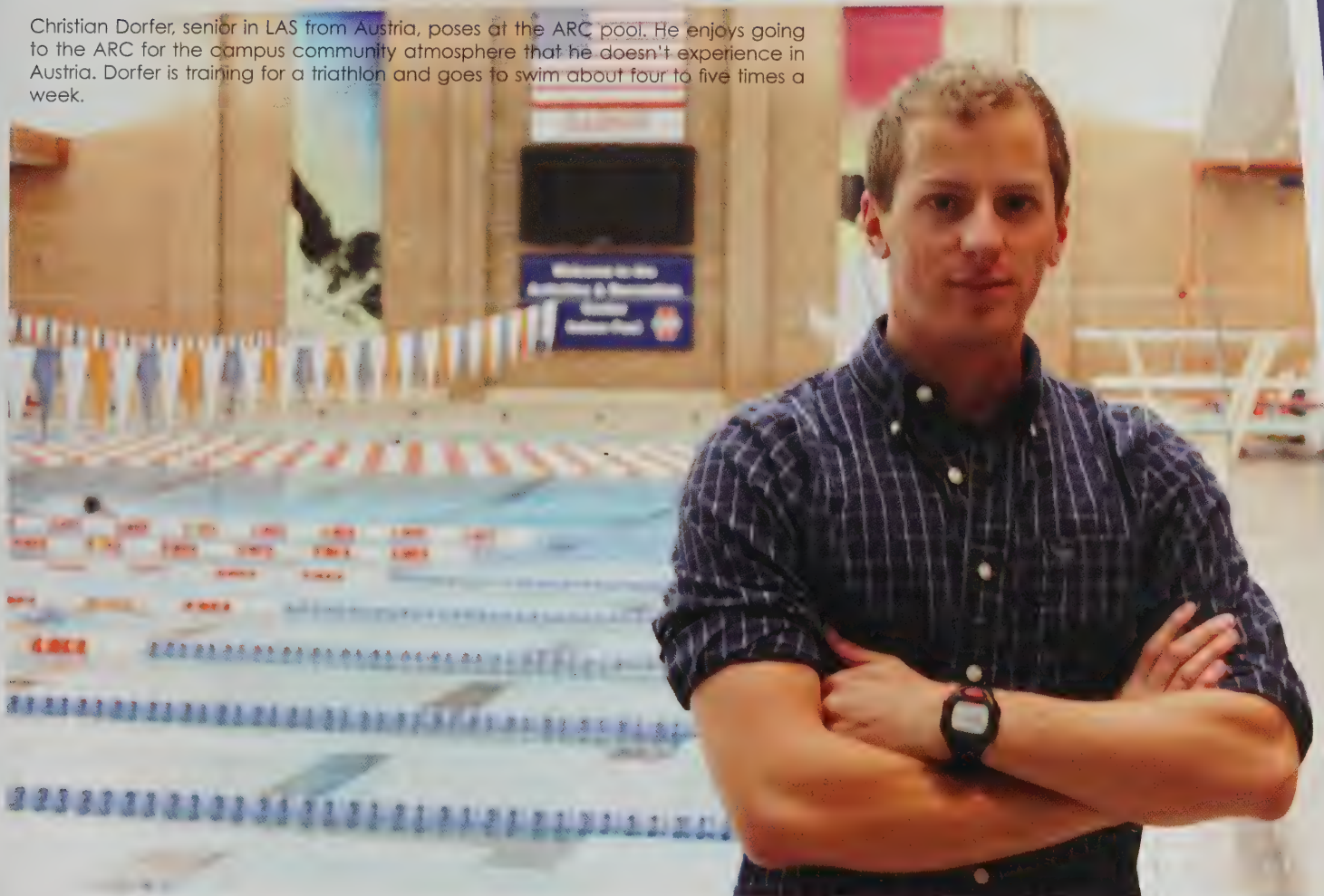
Q: How many other International students have you come into contact with?

A: According to Facebook about 50.

Q: What is the biggest difference between college in Austria and your experience at the U of I?

A: We don't have campus living in Austria nor such a great campus. University in Austria is much more of a coming there in the morning and leaving in the afternoon. One of the reasons might be that my University (University of Technology Vienna) is placed in the middle of a relatively big city and not in a nice little city like Urbana-Champaign. Here it doesn't take a long time to get to a friend's place and getting around by bike isn't life threatening like in Vienna.

Christian Dorfer, senior in LAS from Austria, poses at the ARC pool. He enjoys going to the ARC for the campus community atmosphere that he doesn't experience in Austria. Dorfer is training for a triathlon and goes to swim about four to five times a week.



FROM HERE TO THERE TO EVERYWHERE

September 11

10 YEARS LATER STILL A TRAGEDY

The 10th anniversary of September 11, 2011 marked a tragic day in America's history. For students, faculty and staff alike the day was remembered by the expansive news coverage, documentaries and events or many memorial programs put on by different student organizations and religious groups.



Visitors to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum circle one of two reflecting pools, Nov. 21 in New York. The entrance pavilion to the museum, which is under construction, is visible at center left. The opening of the museum at the World Trade Center, planned for Sept. 11, 2012, will be delayed by disputes over redevelopment costs, a person familiar with the construction project said Monday. The memorial opened in September on the 10th anniversary of the 2001 attacks.

Story by: Christine Nicholson
Photos by: (left to right) Associated Press/Mark Lennihan, Urian Franco
Design by: Hannah Johnson



The Color Guard outside of the Champaign County Courthouse in honor of Sept. 11

"My neighbors had a sign up that said, 'Did you forget?' I was confused, but then they explained it was referring to 'Never forget' and that none of us ever will. I didn't notice many things on campus, but more on Yahoo and the news."

Sydney Olund, sophomore in LAS

"My teacher at the time had kept getting other teachers visiting classroom and looking concerned. I think I was in the seventh grade social studies. He turned the TV on and we kept seeing images of a building smoking but I did not understand what was going on. Almost 15 minutes later we were all excused and our parents were called to pick us up. The rest of the day was a blur, as it seemed no one knew what was going on."

Fadya Salem, graduate student in Architecture

@RoyalReporter Richard Palmer

The Queen prayed for 9/11 victims in a Sunday service at Crathie Kirk near Balmoral. Prince Philip, William, Kate, and Harry joined her.

@PJCrowley Philip J. Crowley

Ten years after 9/11, we need to decide how to combat violent extremism long-term, after two wars. A necessary debate. @carlislepolicy

@MikeBloomberg Mike Bloomberg

Today we remember our neighbors, friends, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, children, parents, and those who rushed in to help. #Sept11

@JuddApatow Judd Apatow

I can't sleep from all the 9/11 docs I watched. So sad. My heart goes out to all who have been touched by it.

@SenatorDurbin Dick Durbin

As we remember #911, let's put aside our differences once again to help the American people through a difficult time

FAMOUS TWEETS

WHIZZING TO WINS

"This is the first program in the country for students with disabilities. What we have here today is because of the alumnus that started the program back in 1948. We always teach our athletes we have today because they gave us yesterday."

-Mike Frogley, men's head coach

"The program here is all you need. You are able to just reinvent yourself on this team from learning new shots, making new friends, and just the lessons you learn being an athlete."

-Brian Bell, captain

"Coach teaches us not only basketball but life lessons and skills for the real world, and that helps me a lot."

-Hiroaki Kozai, junior

"We have morning practices four days a week from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the ARC. We normally start with a warmup, then we start to do smaller games, which will work up to a five on five scrimmage. And at the end of the day we have a game."

-Stephen Fisher, men's assistant coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHTS



Helen Freeman, junior in AHS, practices her shot at the ARC on Jan. 20.



Members of the men's wheelchair basketball team watch as sophomore Nick Weiss shoots the ball during a game against Edinboro at the ARC on Jan. 20.

Disability Resource Educational Services, or DRES, started in 1947 to accommodate WWII veterans who wanted college degrees.

Since 1947, the men's team has 15 national titles and women's wheelchair basketball teams has 14 national titles.

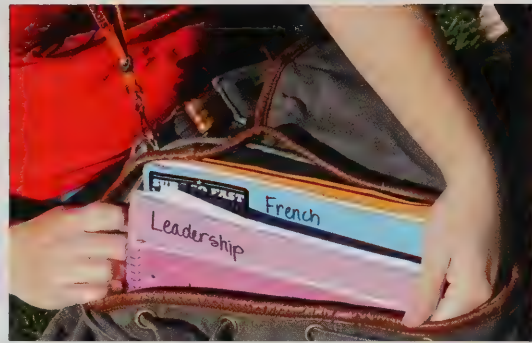
The men and women's teams practice and scrimmage together.

Wheelchair basketball has most of the same rules and scoring as basketball. The sport has a 10-foot basketball hoop and a standard basketball court. All players must bounce, shoot or pass the ball before touching the wheels of their chair. A wheelchair basketball player can be accused of traveling if he or she touches the wheel more than twice after dribbling or receiving the ball.

FAST FACTS

Notebooks and binders

Emily Ogden, freshman in DGS, has a collection of notebooks and folders in her backpack. These items are necessary for every class, although sometimes students just bring them along for show and don't actually write anything inside. They tend to take up the most room in a backpack, other than laptop computers.



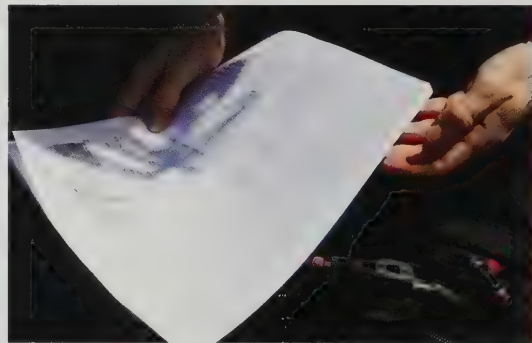
Food

Sara Weisweaver, graduate student, has a sandwich ready for lunch. Most of the time, students don't have a chance to go back to their apartment in between classes. Then, it's necessary to pack a sandwich to make it through the day. Remember not to pack one with mayonnaise on it though, because you don't want your backpack to smell!



Class notes

Weisweaver also has a paper ready to turn in. Often crumbled in a back pocket, or the bottom of the bag, class notes are always vital come finals time. Make sure not to accidentally pitch them when you are cleaning out your backpack.



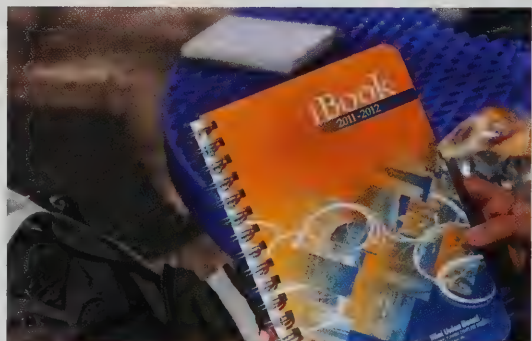
Shoes

Chris Hedlin, graduate student, has room for some fancier shoes in her backpack. No true lady can go anywhere with only one pair of shoes. It's also a great idea to stash heels in your bag, because it may be difficult to strut around campus with heels on.



iBook

Louay Jajeh, junior in LAS, is prepared with his iBook. Many students have one, especially after the Illini Union Bookstore gave away more than 16,000 copies at the start of first semester. They have important information about the University and a daily calendar.



WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?



Sara Weisweaver and Chris Hedlin, first year grad students in English, rummage through their backpacks to find their study supplies.

Nick Casaletto kicks off the ball during a game of possession as part of a practice with the men's soccer club at the Florida and Lincoln Playing Fields Complex.



A SENIOR FORCE

Team song of the Year: "Shmang It" by Yung Humma featuring Flossy

Field Formation: 4-4-2 or a 4-5-1

Mascot: The Moose. The team chants "Go Moose" before each game. The reasoning behind the mascot is exclusively known by team members.

Season in One Word: Cohesion

There are 11 seniors on the team and most have been playing together for four years. Bonding off the field helped glue together the team by working concessions at concerts and basketball games. The seniors also have a "senior house," where the team hangs out often.

FAST FACTS

Colin Cuzman

Senior in Engineering

Main Position: Center Midfielder and club president

Hometown: Downers Grove, Illinois

Specialty Skill: Field vision: seeing the field as a whole and finding players up top to score. He provides "slot balls," balls played between opposing teams defense.

Favorite Memory: Beating Southern Illinois on their home field. Illinois controlled the whole game, and dominated the full 90 minutes to ensure victory.

Role as President: "I took on the treasurer position after sophomore year for two years then moved to president because I had been on the team previously for three years. This allowed me to know the operations of the team so it was an easy transition."

Brandon Brown

Freshman in DGS

Main Position: Forward

Hometown: Gurnee, Illinois

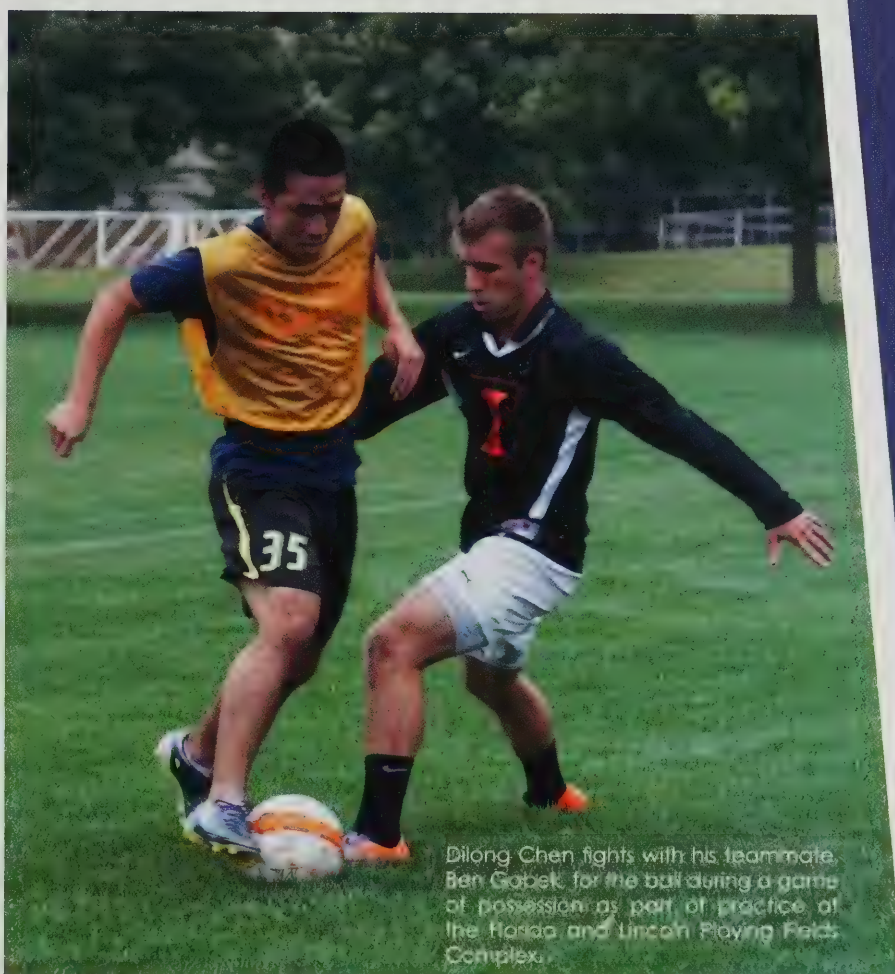
Specialty Skill: His ability to pass the ball in the final third of the field to create opportunities for goals. He is an assistor rather than a lead goal scorer. By having this skill along with his capability of putting pace on the ball for quick finishes, he was able to make it as the only freshman on the team. Out of 100 men trying out only six new players made the varsity program.

Favorite Memory: "My favorite memory would have to be playing Depaul at our home field when it was a must-win situation for us, and we were still tied with just over ten minutes left. We received a corner and Ben Gabrek played a really nice ball in, and after some competing in the box for the ball, the ball popped out to me. I crossed the ball in to Stefan Salzano who nodded home a really nice goal and we were all ecstatic to get the win. We ended up putting another one away on them, too."

PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS



Justin Taylor kicks off play at a men's club soccer practice at the Florida and Lincoln Playing Fields Complex in Urbana.



Dilong Chen fights with his teammate, Ben Gabek, for the ball during a game of possession as part of practice at the Florida and Lincoln Playing Fields Complex.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WORLDWIDE

**Q & A with Kirsten Musetti,
President of International Impact**

Kirsten Musetti has been on three trips abroad and traveled to Kenya, Africa during summer 2011.

Q: Tell me about your favorite trip.

A: I have been on three International Impact trips: one to Guatemala, one saving turtles in Costa Rica, and I most recently lead a volunteer trip to the beautiful East African Coast of Mombasa, Kenya where we volunteered in the Destiny Garden School. 250 children attend the Destiny Garden School and many are orphans, all living in poverty, and about a quarter of them live with HIV. I taught kindergarten, mostly English, like numbers and spelling, and a little Swahili. For the month I was there, I made a deep connection with my students.

Q: What can new members expect?

A: We usually do two summer trips and three to four winter break trips a year. This summer we are sending trips to Ecuador and Nigeria. To be accepted onto a trip you need to apply, and then advance through our interview stage. All undergraduate and

graduate students, no matter what year or field of study, are welcome to apply. Active membership requirements are manageable, including monthly meetings, three fundraising events, two volunteer events, two social events, and one cubicle hour a week.

Q: What on campus volunteering do you do?

A: Some of our volunteering in the community includes working in local soup kitchens and in the local nursing home. We also get very involved with other university wide volunteer projects and often pair up with other RSO's to make an impact not only internationally, but close to home as well.



Students take a break from volunteering to go zip Lining in Tikal, Guatemala. (left to right standing) Lauren Griffin, Kirsten Musetti, Brittney Portier, Kay George, Mike Schneberg, Heidi Tucker; (kneeling) Cristina Florig Alagaban and Ariel Hug.

Story by: Jenny Crawford
Photos by: Kirsten Musetti
Design by: Brittany Harshbarger



Kirsten Musetti, senior in LAS, spends times with children in the Destiny Garden School in Mombasa, on the East African coast of Kenya, teaching English and Swahili, grades Kindergarten through 5th grade.

"International Impact is a volunteering abroad RSO that is celebrating its 10th year anniversary this year. We have sent members on service trips all over the world including China, India, Kenya, Ecuador, Peru, Guatemala, and many more! Our trips are usually three weeks long during the winter and summer breaks. We do different projects depending on member interest, in the past we have worked with children, education, environmental concerns such as de-rainforestation, and we have even saved endangered species. Every trip is made affordable because in addition to the fundraising we do for the trips, our trips are partially sponsored by the University." -**Kirsten Musetti, senior in LAS**

RSO SPOTLIGHT

#DEALS #ONLINE #SOCOLLEGE

Social Media is no longer just for the technologically savvy. College campuses are making an effort to join the social media revolution. The University Admissions Office has its own YouTube channel and blog. Colleges and departments post regularly on Facebook pages to communicate with students. Registered student organizations on Quad Day were not only creating email lists but scanning QR codes and promoting their Twitter accounts. The School of Art and Design has a New Media program to get students acquainted with the newest forms of creation and communication. Social media is a part of college life more than ever. However, the future of this innovation is still yet to be determined.

GABDASH

Gabdash, released in the fall of 2011, was started by four college students, two from Illinois (Alan Zhang, a senior in FAA and David Kim, a senior in LAS) and two from Stanford University.

"I thought of the idea towards the end of college as I realized that even though the internet has made the 'world become smaller' and social networks like Facebook have allowed people to keep connections that potentially would not have been kept, the way in which we meet people is still the same," David Kim said.

UINIGHTLIFE

The ultimate drink special site, UI Nightlife was started up in 2010 to keep students informed of the best spot each night on campus. It features drink specials for 12 on-campus bars, and 7 downtown Champaign bars. UI Nightlife even has a Twitter feed that updates several times each night so students can stay in the know on the hottest (and cheapest) place to be.

EATCU

The ultimate take-out ordering site was started by two University students, Justin Gorrell and Dan Glazer, in 2007. It has grown to cover most restaurants and bars in Champaign-Urbana, providing the menu, location, hours and phone number. EatCU takes it one step further, advertising specials for different nights and times, drawing students to their ordering services.

MY ILLINI DEALS

Basically Groupon for the University, My Illini Deals works to provide discounts in coupon format for the students looking for the best deal around town. Its Facebook page and Twitter feed continually update students, as the deals are timely!

MOOCHO

Moocho is another deal site for students. Moocho works with businesses to get students 50 percent to 90 percent off typical prices.

"It's completely free for students to sign up and receive emails. What college student doesn't love good deals? They have no obligation to buy any of the deals so there's no reason students shouldn't sign up," said Svejtlana Stojvanovic, junior in Media and a Moocho Campus Ambassador.



Kevin Hamilton, right, the Chair of the New Media Program in the School of Art and Design, and Dr. Christian Sandvig, Associate Professor of Communication, Media, and Cinema Studies, and Library and Information Science, talk to a group of teaching assistants and professors about using social media in the classroom during a workshop in the Psychology Building.

Despite those who think Facebook's reign will end in the social media world, Facebook reports more than 800 million active users. Of those active users, more than 50% log on to Facebook in any given day.

On average, more than 250 million photos are uploaded per day.

Approximately 80% of users are outside of the United States.

More than 350 million active users currently access Facebook through their mobile devices.

FAST FACTS

INTO THE UNKNOWN

FOOTBALL VS RUGBY

Major League	The National Football League	The Rugby Union and The Rugby League
Major Tournament	The Super Bowl	The World Cup
Location	The United States	Europe, Australia and Africa
Players	11 players compete at any given time with unlimited substitutions	15 players compete with seven allowed substitutions
Scoring	Touchdown: carrying the ball past opponent's end zone	Try: the ball must be "grounded" and carried past the opponent's touch line
Points	6 points/touchdown 3 points/field goal	5 points/try 3 points/drop goal
Equipment	Heavy protective equipment including a padded plastic helmet, shoulder pads, hip pads, knee pads	Modest protective equipment including light protection for the head, shoulders and collar bones

"It's my first time playing rugby and I really like rugby because moves are more technical and the plays are continuous."

Max Loy, freshmen in AHS



"I like rugby more than football because everyone gets a chance to touch the ball." **Matt Sweeney, freshmen in LAS**

"I like no pads. I feel less incased under the pads."

Connor Baker, sophomore in LAS



"I have been playing rugby since high school and love the fact that the plays are continuous and the ball doesn't die. It's more exciting."

Tim Dawson, senior in LAS



Illinois has more than 30 club sports on campus. Club sports are approved by Campus Recreation to use their facilities, but not sanctioned by the University. They are offered in sports with a Division I equivalent and sports which don't have a Division I equivalent. Some of the sports compete against teams on the Division I level.

The sports provide an opportunity for athletes who want to get an education from Illinois and are not talented enough to play Division I sports but are still looking for a competitive atmosphere.

The Illinois men's Rugby Club is the 2010 Illinois Division II IRFU Champions.

FAST FACTS

Feather earrings

JESSICA WHITMAN SOPHOMORE IN MEDIA

"I would say my style is bohemian-chic with a rocker edge. I like to mix a lot of styles, colors and textures."

Fringe Necklace

Knit sweater

Tribal print skirt

Scarf on purse

Tights with lace up booties



ON THE TOWN

Story by: Hannah Johnson
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Design by: Hannah Johnson

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

AJIT BHALODIA SENIOR IN AVIATION

"Fashion to me is really simple. It's about being unique, and looking presentable while you're at it."

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rectangular
frame glasses

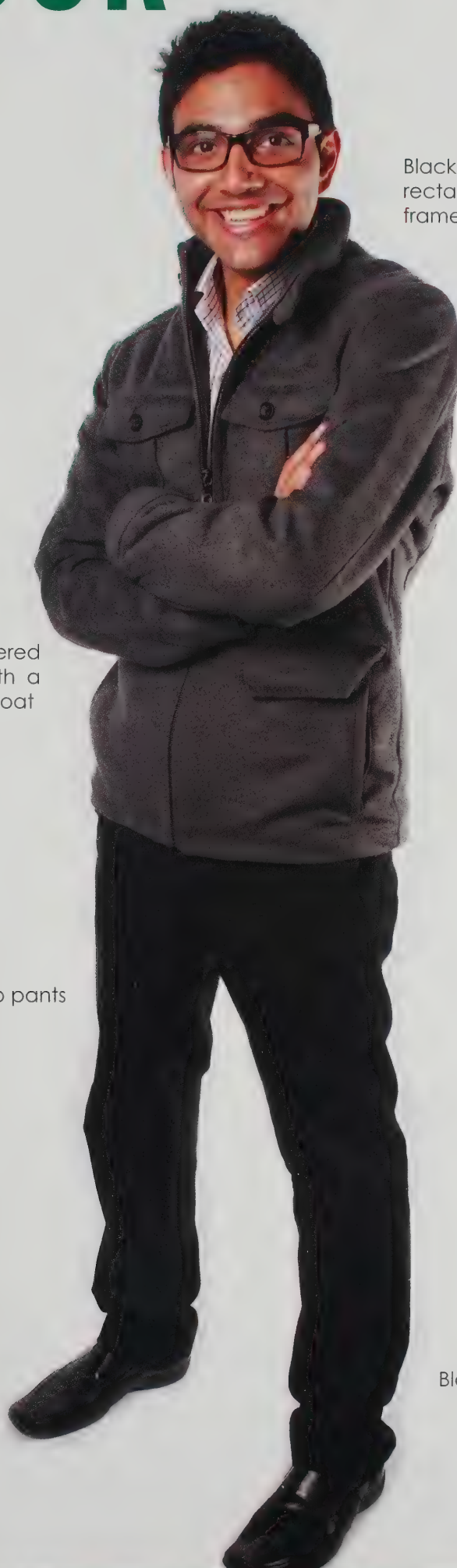
Collared checkered
shirt layered with a
4 pocket wool coat

Dark chino pants

Black loafers



WINTER WARM



THE END OF AN ERA

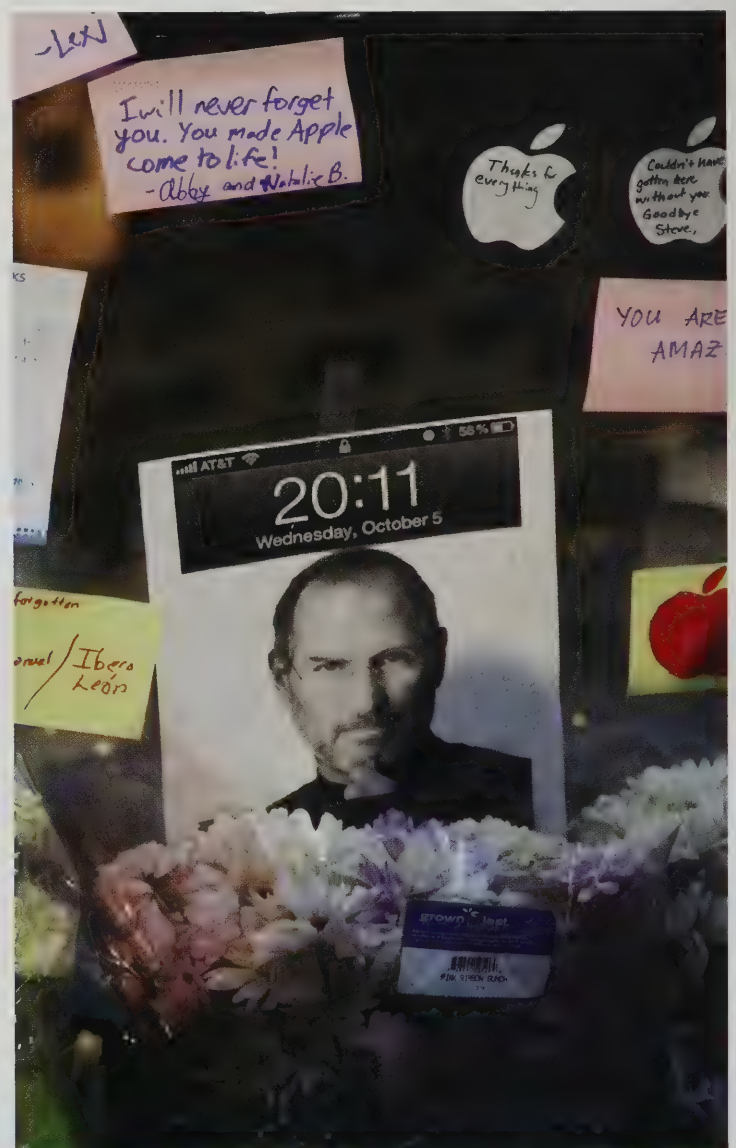
October 5, 2011 will forever be remembered as one of the sadder days of 2011. It is the day that Steven Paul Jobs, co-founder and C.E.O. of Apple, passed away, leaving the world without one of its great innovators. The whole world grieved over the death of Jobs, as did students at the University.

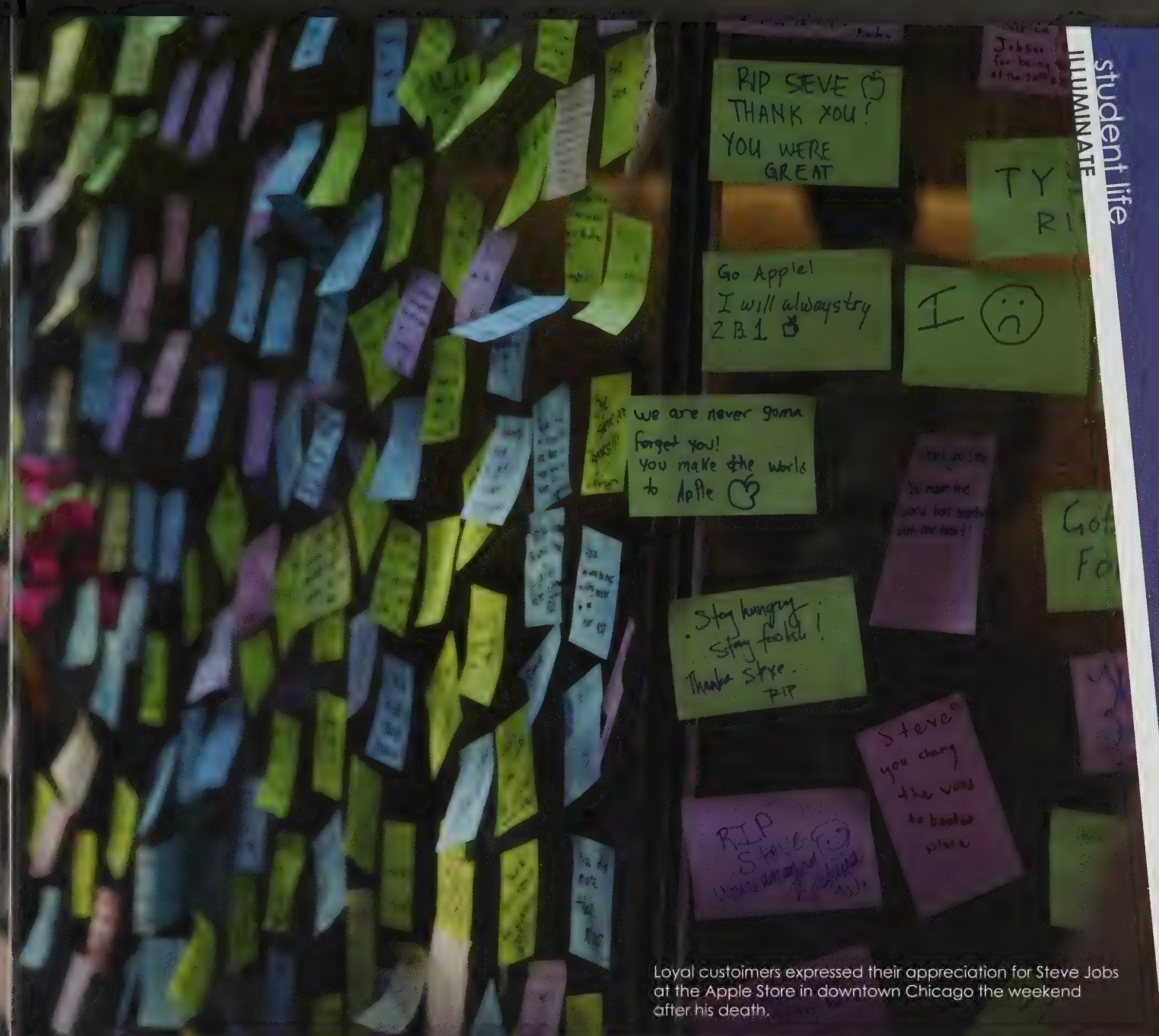
Jobs began his career sleeping on the floor of his friends' rooms, returning glass bottles for money and receiving free meals at a local religious temple. Later, Jobs engineered one of the first personal computers, revolutionizing the technology industry, and also helped pioneer products such as iMac, iTunes, iPod, iPhone and iPad. Before his death in 2011, Forbes estimates his net wealth to be approximately \$8.3 billion, making him one of the richest Americans of his time.

Jobs was a mentor and a role model for people of all ages, nationalities and backgrounds and his influence has developed into a strong presence on campus.

"Apple has lost a visionary and creative genius, and the world has lost an amazing human being. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Steve have lost a dear friend and an inspiring mentor. Steve leaves behind a company that only he could have built, and his spirit will forever be the foundation of Apple."

APPLE ON JOBS





Loyal customers expressed their appreciation for Steve Jobs at the Apple Store in downtown Chicago the weekend after his death.

"He was an apple in my eyes, pure inspiration to look into the future and dream big." -**Sunny Wu, sophomore in Finance**

"He has made my daily life more efficient by introducing Mac software, because I wouldn't have to spend hours trying to find and fix viruses on my computer." -**Steve Kim, junior in Molecular Biology**

"Thanks to Jobs, my life is full of excitement and joy no matter where I am—because of my iPhone." -**Donna Lee, junior in Molecular Biology**

"He innovated the use of everyday technology; he extended people's perspectives on how far we can become advanced within our communication realm. He perfected it and made it more efficient in a way where it reflected the needs of an average everyday person." -**Yessi Mendez, freshman in Accounting**

JOBS' INFLUENCE



Krista Paplaczky, sophomore in LAS, practices at the Florida and Lincoln Complex Fields.

"Lacrosse is a team game so even if you have 11 people on the field who are amazing, there are still going to be some problems. The more we play together, the better everything goes, so each year our core group has gotten better and better. Team chemistry is super important, on and off the field." -Faith Kouimelis, junior in LAS

TEAM SPOTLIGHT



Krista Paplaczky, sophomore in LAS
Position: Attack Wing

Q: How many freshmen tried out this year? Do the younger classes show potential?

A: We had about 12 freshmen come out at the beginning, but we currently have 7 sticking to it. They really bring a lot of skill to the team. All of them have a unique playing style that blend well together.

Q: What was your season record? Did your team improve from last season in skill level?

A: Our season record was 5-0 for collegiate games. I would say our team has improved a little. We were great last year and lost a few key seniors, but the freshmen have really stepped up and filled their shoes.

Q: Do you think Illinois women's lacrosse will ever be NCAA? If so, when?

A: Honestly, maybe in about ten years, but not during my lacrosse career.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

CREATING CHEMISTRY

It was not until Fall 2011 that the women's lacrosse team was coached by somebody other than an undergrad. In the past, the highly-ranked club team was student-managed.

In early 2011, Colleen Symansky, a graduate student and former lacrosse player, came in as a coach for the team. Since then, the team has been constantly improving and constantly recruiting new talent.

With practices three days a week on the Florida and Lincoln Complex Fields and the indoor fields of Irwin Indoor Practice Facility during cold weather, the team has several opportunities a week to bond, pick up ground balls, and practice offensive strategies.

MUST LOVE DOGS

Story by: Alyssa Ullrich
Photos by: Megan Moran
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Angela Mitas, senior in AHS, with Oskee, a service training dog, practices picking up a wallet and credit cards.

Angela Mitas and Oskee

Angela Mitas, senior in AHS, serves as Oskee's primary trainer. Oskee, 16 months old, is a male British black Labrador retriever. Oskee has been training since January 2011 to be a service dog for people with physical disabilities.

Q: How would you describe a day in the life of Oskee and yourself?

A: Oskee's life is all about routine, routine, routine! Oskee eats every day at exactly 7 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Oskee and I wake up and go to class together—he goes everywhere with me. After class, he attends training with a secondary trainer for two hours and we train throughout the day together. Minus the bars, he is living the college life.

Q: Let's pretend Oskee could talk and interact like a human with humans. How would you describe Oskee's qualities and attributes?

A: Oskee is the best friend anyone could ever ask for. He is a lover. He loves people. Oskee is a lap dog. He loves to sit right on your lap. Oskee is a fun-loving dog that is eager to learn and loves to work.

Q: What made Oskee a good choice for this program?

A: The coordinator of the program contacted a breeder in Springfield, Ill. that was interested in participating in the program. When choosing a dog for a service dog program, it is important to look for a dog that is submissive, a dog with a special mentality to help and a dog that has instinctive qualities. Oskee fits that description very well.

Q: What is Oskee's favorite hobby or game to play?

A: Playing catch is definitely Oskee's favorite pastime. He loves jumping up and catching a frisbee and another favorite is definitely his tennis ball. We actually have to sometimes hide his tennis ball from him.

Q: What made you want to get involved in this program?

A: I am an animal lover and a pre-veterinarian student, so this program seemed like a great fit. Also, I am involved in several other disability programs on campus, so I thought this would be a good way to combine my love for animals and my will to help those in need.

Time necessary to train a dog: Depends on what the dog is training for. Dogs trained to assist people with physical disabilities takes about one year to one and a half years.

Types of training used in the process: The process is meant to build on itself. Much of what is taught is built on the basics of sitting, staying, calming and heeling. After learning those basic skills, the dogs begin to learn how to open doors, give their paw and touch with their paw. There is connection when using their paws because they often push with their paws; this is called paw-push. Patience, repetition and positive reinforcement are essential to the training.

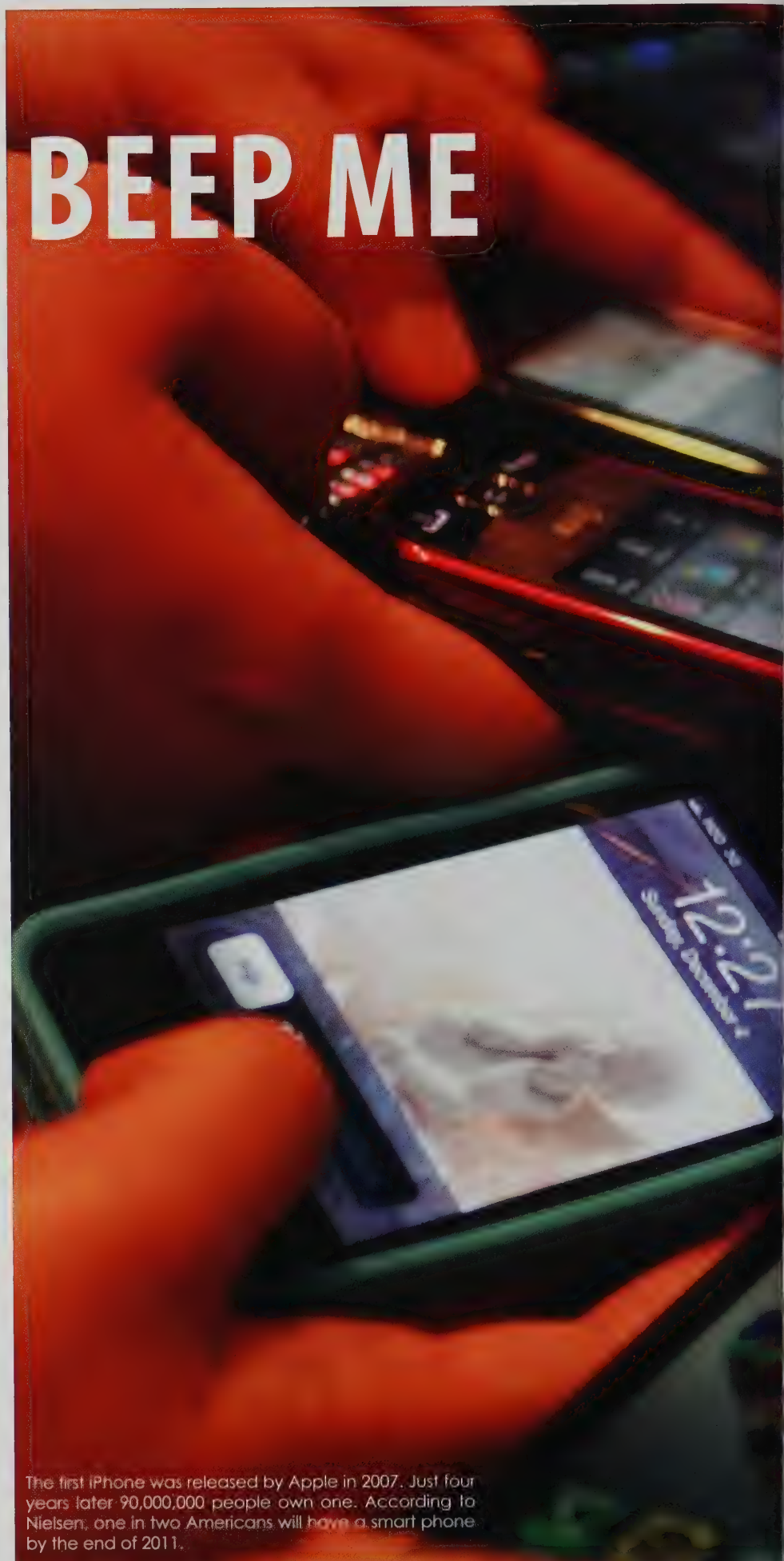
Specialty tasks that dogs can perform when finished with training: Trainers recently began teaching the dogs how to seek out help from others. Also, dogs that are big enough are taught to brace, or to help break the fall of a person that is falling. Some learn to pull a wheelchair as well. At the end of their training, the dogs know over 40 different skills and can respond to certain common words.

FAST FACTS

CALL ME, BEEP ME

1. Making plans and staying in touch with friends at all times
2. Avoiding awkward "stop and chats" on the way to class
3. Checking Facebook, Twitter and email during class
4. Communicating with the Jimmy Johns' delivery guy
5. Listening to music while walking to class
6. Modern watch
7. Alarm clock
8. To reassure mom and dad you're still breathing
9. Hard evidence of what time you went to bed the night before
10. Checking those rare voicemails

TOP 10 REASONS FOR USING CELL PHONES



The first iPhone was released by Apple in 2007. Just four years later 90,000,000 people own one. According to Nielsen, one in two Americans will have a smart phone by the end of 2011.

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ROTC CADETS LEAD INTENSE LIFESTYLES



**Q & A with Major Diane Moncrief,
Scholarship and Enrollment Officer
2001 graduate of University's ROTC program**

Q: What does the abbreviation ROTC mean?

A: Reserve Officer's Training Corps. It is an elected curriculum taken alongside required college classes.

Q: What are ROTC students' majors?

A: ROTC students are students just like you. They choose their majors based on what interests them most. Students can enroll in any program of study offered by the University. However, in addition to their major's course load, they have additional responsibilities. ROTC cadets are also required to enroll in the Military Science Academic course as well as the leadership training lab once week. Cadets also have Physical Training Sessions every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Q: What do cadets do on weekends?

A: Every semester, there are two mandatory weekend events. One is the field training exercise, where once a month ROTC students go off-campus to a different military site and carry out military training for two or three days. Secondly, students also have a social dining event. It's a formal event where students get to practice for a formal, traditional military dinner.

Q: How do ROTC cadets progress from year to year?

A: As freshmen and sophomores, students begin the learning process. They learn the organizational structure of the ROTC, and also learn military skills and knowledge. In their junior year, learning is focused on leadership. Juniors become squad leaders and platoon commanders, executing plans created by senior ROTC students.

Q: What are the greatest benefits of the program?

A: Among many, one of the big benefits I received as an ROTC student was that the intense training always kept me physically fit; hence, I was able to avoid the Freshmen 15. Secondly, I was able to build strong networks with my friends since we shared something in common. I call this the "instinct group of friends." Finally, ROTC gave me great confidence, leadership, and prepared me well for the real world by teaching me how to lead and manage a team.

TOP- The University's ROTC students stand in their accountability formations in order for their leaders to make sure they have showed up on time for class outside the Armory.

LEFT- United States Naval Cadets stand at parade rest during the Tri-Service Veteran's Day Ceremony held at the Armory on Nov. 11.

RIGHT- Retired Naval Reserve Captain Adrian D. Lorentson, right, speaks to ROTC cadets and the crowd during the Tri-Service Veteran's Day Ceremony held at the Armory on Nov. 11.

Story by: Yoon hwa Shin
Photos by: (left to right) Kelly Hickey, Joshua Beckman
Design by: Lauren Whalley



ADVENTURE ABROAD

Angela Zappani
Senior in Business

Country of travel: Italy
Length of stay: February 14 to June 30, 2011

Must have item to pack:
Converter

What was your favorite place that you went?

"Ibiza. I went with half of the students in my dorm and we all stayed in the same hotel. I loved Ibiza because it had such a different culture and atmosphere. There were concerts every night from artists all over the world and everyone was extremely friendly and outgoing. It was our last trip together and the best time of my life."

What were you most worried about?

"The school system. Bocconi is a prestigious university and grades were based on a 30-point scale. Classes just had a midterm and a final or just a final so there was a lot of pressure to do well. There was no homework to boost your grade."

Karolina Wasiniewska
Senior in LAS

Country of travel: Costa Rica
Length of stay: August 23 to December 19, 2011

Must have item to pack:
Umbrella

What were you most surprised by?

"I always assumed that all Latin American countries had a schedule similar to that of Spain, in that most days would be very long, dinners would be served late and the nightlife would go on until the crack of dawn. Costa Rica, however, has a completely opposite schedule. The sun rises there at about 5:30 a.m. and that's when people get up and begin their day. They also turn in really early, as the sun sets at around 6 p.m. and, as I have been told, it is dangerous to be out on the streets at night."

"I was mostly nervous because I've never been off of the continent of North America, and I'm traveling with people I'm meeting for the first time this semester. Also, there is some military conflict with the Israelis and the Palestinians. But I really excited because I get to have more than a tourist's view of the country."

Kayla Flam, senior in Media, traveled to Jerusalem, Israel from December 26, 2010 to January 13, 2011.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Angela Zappani (right), senior in Business, and her friends enjoy the sights of Italy during their spring semester abroad. Zappani was in a program with students from Illinois and greatly enjoyed the experience.





Marching Illini perform at halftime of the Illini vs. Michigan game on Nov. 12.

MARCHING THROUGH TRADITION



Barry Houser, Marching Illini director

Fast Paced Weeks

Every week, the Marching Illini develops a new show for halftime of the football games. This results in busy weeks for the band, with hour and a half long practices every day and two practices on Tuesdays. They even practice an hour and a half before the football games, band director Barry Houser said.

The show is brand new musically and drill wise.

"It's a lot to turn a show around and make sure at a performance level they can play musically and march around the drill," Houser said.

Different shows done this season include a rock and roll theme show, a 1971 show, a latin dance show and a karaoke show.

Rich in Tradition

The Marching Illini has a mix of rich traditions that have been around since the beginning of the band. The pregame show was developed by Gary Smith, an old Marching Illini director. Three and one is also done during every halftime show.

"It's nice to know you're going to be around for something that's around for so long," drum major Bobby Wright said.

Every year for Dad's Day, the band invites the dads onto the field and they do a special routine.

"It's always fun to bring the family into the mix," Wright said.

New Ideas In Store

New band director Barry Houser appreciates the traditions of the band but is also looking to bring new, fresh ideas. He's been working on increasing energy and volume during the games. The band has been having a higher volume and playing in the stands. He also hopes to expand the band in the future with more instrumentalists in the woodwinds and brass areas.

"Tradition as we know can be sometimes a good thing and sometimes just tradition, because we keep doing it because that's how we've always done it," Houser said.



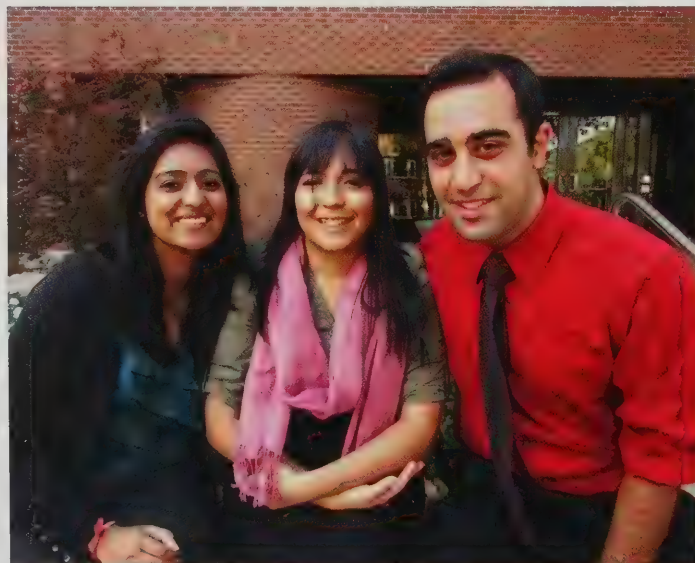
Drumline Tenors David priest, freshman in Engineering, Vince Caretti, sophomore in LAS, Corey Rudner, senior in Aviation, Tom Kelly, freshman in LAS march to Memorial Stadium.

What is a Graf Intern?

A paid student leadership position with the Illinois Leadership Center that helps all students develop and enhance their leadership skills in a variety of programs, services and courses. The interns have the opportunity to plan i-programs and other developmental courses and workshops. On a daily basis they coordinate with student groups and leaders as the ambassadors of the Illinois Leadership Center and coordinate alumni workshops. They also organize "Leadershape," which is a week long retreat for 60-70 University students.



Graf interns Meghan Schaffer, senior in LAS, Chris Cole, senior in LAS, Paul Stanton, senior in Media and Joe Evertz, senior in Media, pose for a photo.

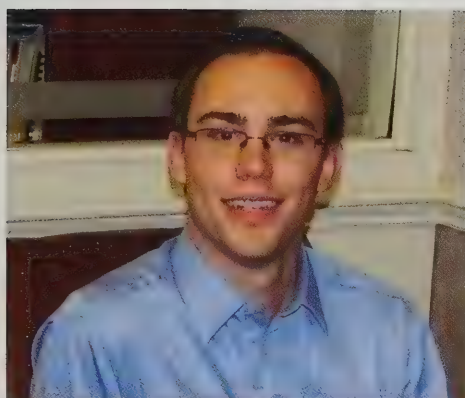


Turner Fellows Monisha Murjani, senior in LAS, Alicia Delarosa, senior in LAS, and Matt Abtahi, senior in LAS.

What is a Turner Fellow?

For 27 years, Turner Fellows have served the University of Illinois. Named after Fred H. Turner who was Dean of Students from 1922-1966, Fellows serve in pre-professional paid internships in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. These internship positions provide undergraduates the opportunity to undertake professional, creative and challenging assignments under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor and staff during their senior year. The interns provide insights on student concerns and issues and learn about the operations of a comprehensive Student Affairs organization that provides services to over 41,000 students at the University.

LEADERS ON CAMPUS



PAUL STANTON, GRAF INTERN

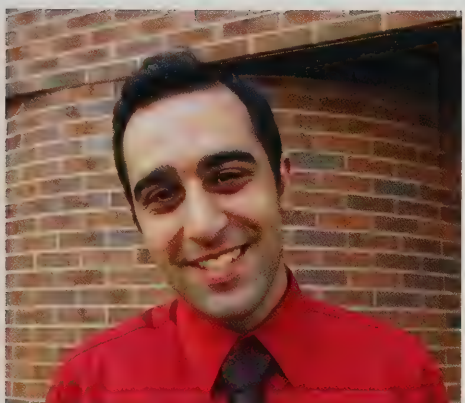
Senior in College of Media

Favorite Thing: "The environment in the Leadership Center is a good place to do challenging and meaningful work. I also never leave angry or frustrated. I always want to go back."

Advice: "Every student should get involved, attend programs, and apply because it is applicable to jobs and graduate school."

Definition of Leadership: "Creating positive change and implementing your goals and strategies for your followers."

Best Moment: "I met a Chief Illiniwek alumnus from the early 1990's and had dinner with him. He shared all his stories and a different perspective on the chief controversy."



MATT ABTAHI, TURNER FELLOW

Senior in College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Favorite Thing: "Being able to see what the University really does. So much of it is behind the scenes. I get to see what the future of the University looks like ideally. There are actual 20-year plans in place, which is pretty cool."

Advice: "Do it. Student Affairs is something that is so layered and abstract there is always so much more to learn."

Definition of Leadership: "Being able to take what is given to you and being able to process it and implement it in the ideas, initiative that I set forth."

Best Moment: "The fact that I am able to interact with such high level administrators on a daily basis. Being a part of the professional development staff, I get to see the inner-workings of Student Affairs and work on campus wide events that affect all the students of the University."

THE TEACHER

When you see it: During time-outs and when players are called to the sidelines.

What it means: Hambly is teaching the players a key strategy that can help their on court play.



Illinois head volleyball coach Kevin Hambly gives junior setter Annie Luhsen a piece of advice. During a two hour volleyball match, Hambly shows many types of facial expressions.



THE OH NO YOU DIDN'T

When you see it: When a referee makes a biased call against the Illini.

What it means: It doesn't happen very often, but Hambly is not happy and he will fight so his team is righted.



THE BY THE WAY

When you see it: After a time-out or after a player walks away from Hambly.

What it means: Something really, really important comes to Hambly's attention and it cannot wait.

THE MANY FACES OF COACH HAMBLY

THE COMPLACENT COACH

When you see it: Early on in matches when the Illini are doing just fine.

What it means: He's here to enjoy the show, but don't be fooled he can get out of that chair quickly.



THE IN IT TO WIN IT

When you see it: In the fifth set when it is going point for point.

What it means: Hambly knows what he can do to help the situation and he is not accepting a loss.



THE IT'S ALL GOOD

When you see it: After big plays happen and when Illinois is winning.

What it means: This face was present more often when Illinois had their national run. It doesn't come out often but when it does, it's worth it.



THE WHAT?!

When you see it: In moments of desperation when the Illini are not performing up to standards.

What it means: Even Hambly has lost hope. He'll take the break in between sets to help the team regroup.

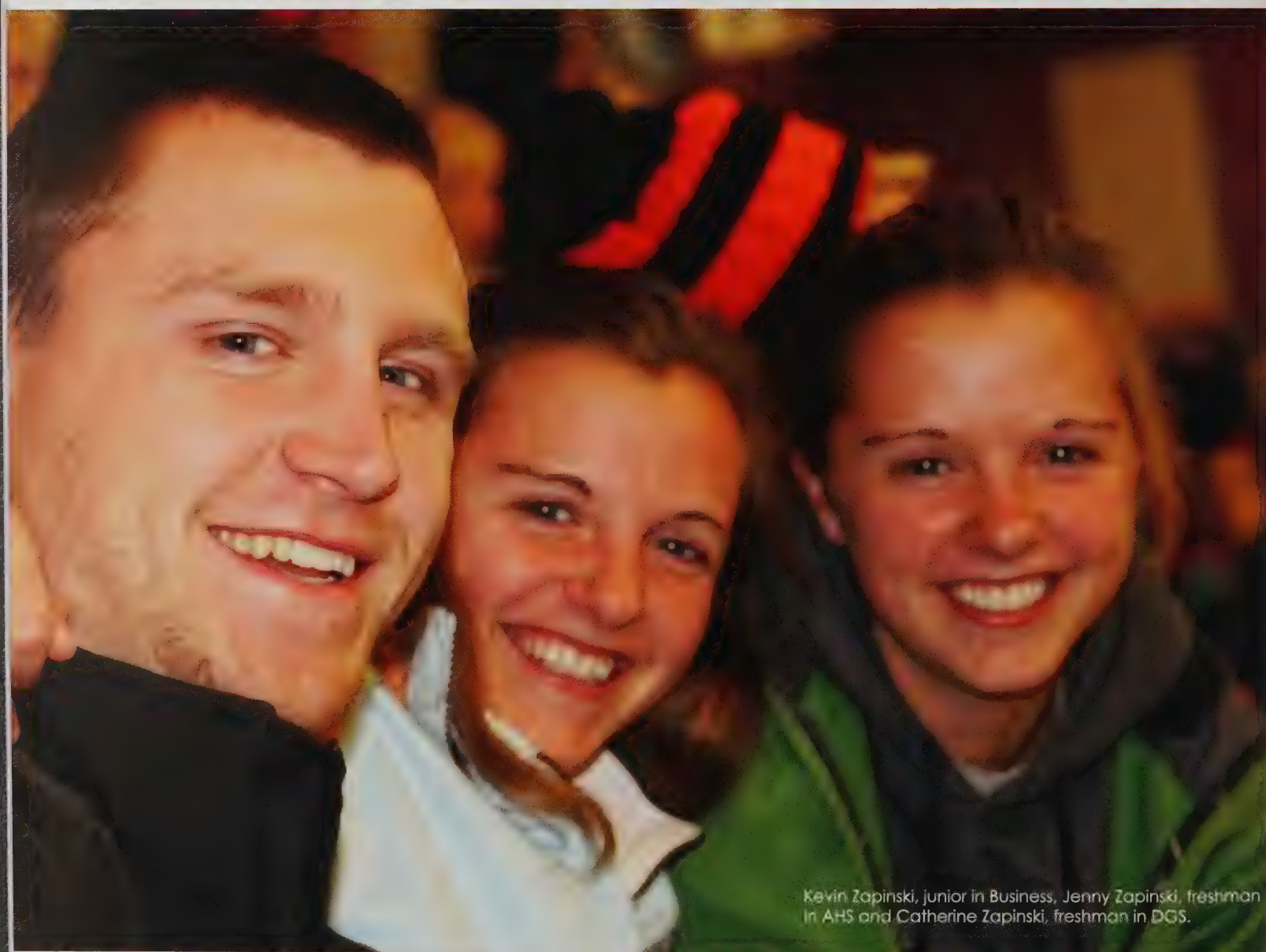
Siblings on Campus



Stephanie Shanahan, junior in LAS and Michael Shanahan, freshman in LAS.



Darragh McDermott, junior in LAS and Callan McDermott, freshman in DGS.



Kevin Zapinski, junior in Business, Jenny Zapinski, freshman in AHS and Catherine Zapinski, freshman in DGS.

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Joe Ortigara, freshman in LAS, Dominic Ortigara, senior in Engineering and Anna Ortigara, junior in AHS.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY

Having a sibling on campus can definitely be an adjustment, but in some circumstances, it is comforting to have a sibling on hand.

Anna Ortigara enjoys having siblings, Joe and Dominic, on campus.

"At the beginning of my freshmen year I was pretty clueless about how things worked here," said Anna Ortigara, junior in AHS. "Dom showed me around, took me to the buildings where my classes were, provided me with information about what classes he heard were good and I try to do the same for Joe now."

Siblings attending school together often have a bond not understood by the rest of the family.

"We can make jokes that only we understand about campus topics and stuff, where our older sister didn't go to this school," said Anna Ortigara.

Sisters Taylor and Haley Sandroff are surprised how much they enjoy having each other's company.

"I look up to her, so when I was searching for schools to transfer to, it only seemed right to choose Illinois," said Taylor Sandroff, sophomore in LAS.

Twins Maggie and Caitlin Regan didn't intend to go to the same college.

"We actually went on separate college trips with different parents and came to a decision on our own," said Maggie Regan, senior in Business.

Most siblings agree, however, that having a sibling on campus has been a benefit.

"If anything, I have learned how to be more independent, while still being supportive of my sister," Caitlin Regan said.



Haley Sandroff, junior in Media, and Taylor Sandroff, sophomore in LAS.

A FRESH TAKE ON INDIA

The Indian Graduate Student Association, or IGSA, hosted an event that brought Indian students on campus together. IGSA is aware of a foreign student's difficulties of adjusting to life in a new country, and their main goal is to bring together the Indian Graduate students on campus.

Ambieca Saha, who was a performer in the show, is dedicated to IGSA.

"IGSA is all the graduate Indian students who started an association, and they celebrate the major festivals of India," Saha said. "They do a lot of events to increase awareness about the culture in India."

IGSA hosted Freshers Night for the Indian graduate students on campus. It was held on Oct. 1 in the Illini Union rooms A and B. The show was a series of performances by students in music, drama, and dance.

Saha said the show was for anyone who wanted to show their talent or simply watch.

"It was basically an event organized by the graduates. We invited anyone who wanted

to perform and show their talent. Graduates, undergraduates, freshman, non-freshman, could come and watch or perform," Saha said. "There were mostly Indians, and the others were people who were friends of the participants."

Freshers Night helps the Indian graduate students break the ice between the new members, and helps bring the old and the new members together.

Saha, who is a professional Kathak dancer, performed two classical Kathak dances at the IGSA event. The first dance was a devotional piece in praise of one of the Gods of Hindu mythology. The second dance was a fast technical piece. The dances were called Tarana in Raag Darbari, and Shiva Stuti.

Saha said the show was a success.

"It was an extremely great show," Saha said. "It was so good that people started clapping and dancing along. People really enjoyed being there."

"The Indian Graduate Students Association is primarily a platform for spreading the joy associated with Indian culture and festivals. It gives students across campus a chance to learn more about Indian culture by enjoying events like the Diwali Quad Lighting, our most celebrated annual event. It promotes new talents on stage by hosting the Freshers Night.

The IGSA serves to bridge the gap for new students arriving from India by helping them with accommodations, settling down on campus and build up their social network quickly so that they become comfortable in UIUC at the earliest."

-Nitesh Shashikanth, President of IGSA

RSO SPOTLIGHT



Ambieca Saha performs a classical Kathak dance at Freshers Night.

THINK PINK

In March 2011, 59 colleges competed in the PINK Collegiate Showdown, to win a party hosted by PINK. The competition was set up bracket-style, similar to March Madness. Based on the amount of online votes by students, colleges were eliminated in rounds after a certain number of days. The contest gained popularity as Illinois maintained a presence in the contest. After spreading the word throughout campus, Illinois won and PINK took over on Oct. 20.



A student poses with her PINK gear.



TOP- Two members of the Illinettes take a shopping break after performing at the PINK Party.
BOTTOM- Kid Cudi performs.



Students crowd the glowing stage waiting for Kid Cudi and Girl Talk.

Event: Victoria's Secret PINK Nation Fighting Illini Fest

Date: Oct. 20

Weather: 32 degrees and windy

Guest Appearances: Models Chanel Iman and Elsa Hosk

Performers: Kid Cudi and Girl Talk

Activities: Shopping and games

FAST FACTS



Victoria's Secret PINK models Chanel, left, and Elsa talk to local reporters at PINK Nation Fighting Illini Fest on Oct. 20.



Students show off their PINK bags after shopping at the Pink Nation Fighting Illini Fest.

TRADITIONAL WAY TO DANCE

College students are accustomed to raunchy grinding at campus bars. However, there is a tucked away place on campus where students can learn a classier dance. The Illini Swing Society meets in the basement of the University Place Christian Church. Every Tuesday night a group of students eager to learn traditional steps meets for weekly classes offered by the Illini Swing Society.

Swing dancing includes dances like the East Coast Swing, the Lindy Hop and the Charleston. These dances were all developed from the swing style of jazz music in the 1920s to 1950s.

Mary Sturm, vice president of the Illini Swing Society, claims students need no prior experience. She said that the welcoming atmosphere creates an environment where even the most uncoordinated, rhythm-lacking individuals will feel like they belong.

"[The atmosphere] is definitely fun and laid-back," said Aaron Raiff, President of the Illini Swing Society.

"Even when we have practices and are working on our dancing, we are still having a blast."

Having fun dancing to old, jazzy tunes is the main focus, but they also stress improvement. They try to include professional and experienced instruction, so anyone that does attend classes will quickly become an advanced dancer.

"Bringing in professional swing dance instructors to teach a weekend of classes is always a ton of fun and my favorite memory of the RSO," said Sturm. "Lots of out-of-town dancers come to dance in Champaign-Urbana during these weekends and it is always great to have a weekend full of dancing with friends."



Story by: Rachel Buccieri
Photos by: Hanbo Shim
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Students try swing dancing combination moves by learning multiple steps with partners.



Students try out new swing dancing moves with partners at University Place Christian Church.

Swing Out: falling back outside the circle with your partner and coming back toward the center

Anchor Stretch: pulling your partner towards you

Digging In: holding your partner and spinning them around on the counts of 2 and 6

Neutral: holding and not moving

Dynamic Arm: can give yourself your own movement even if the partner is not there

SWING DANCING LINGO

OUT WITH THE OLD

Ron Guenther

Position: Athletics Director

At Illinois: May 1992-July 2011

Thoughts: "I still feel like I have a lot of energy and a lot to still give. But at the same time, 19 years is a long time to be doing what I'm doing. Obviously, like I tried to say before, my gut said this was the time to move on."



Ron Zook

Position: Head football coach

At Illinois: 2005-2011

Thoughts: "I think our program is very close, I really do. We just didn't quite finish a few games here and there. But I'm proud of how close we are."



Robert Easter

Position: Interim Chancellor and Provost

At Illinois: 1967-2011 as interim Chancellor
2009-2011 as Provost

Thoughts: "At some point, all of us realize - not just myself but all the leaders on the campus - that we need to come together and do our best to pull the institution through the next several months until stability could be recreated."



IN WITH THE NEW



Mike Thomas

Position: Athletics director

Before Illinois: Athletics director at University of Cincinnati 2005-2011

Thoughts: "We want to graduate 100 percent of our student-athletes. People might say that's unrealistic, well I would sit there and say, 'Then who are we gonna leave behind?'"

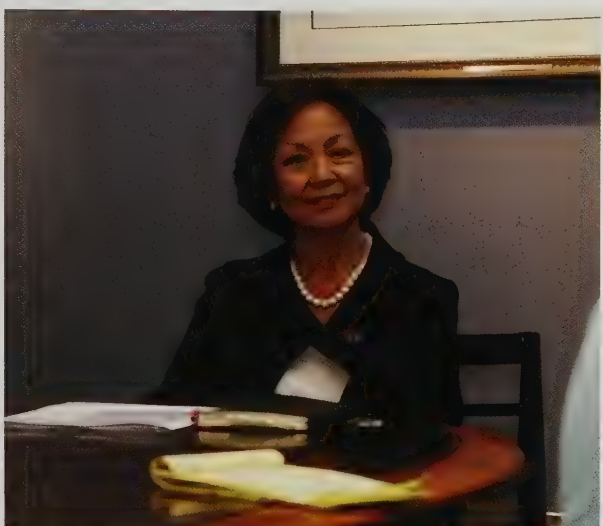


Tim Beckman

Position: Head football coach

Before Illinois: Head coach at Toledo 2009-2011, Defensive coordinator Oklahoma State 2007-2008, Cornerbacks coach Ohio State 2005-2006

Thoughts: "We talk about building a family and that's exactly what we are going to do here at the University of Illinois."



Phyllis Wise

Position: Chancellor and Vice President

Before Illinois: Interim president, provost and professor at the University of Washington 2005-2011, Member of the Nike Board of Directors since 2009

Thoughts: "I realize how important it is to recruit and retain the very finest faculty and staff and to be able to attract the very best students."

Acapella Groups



No Strings Attached, a co-ed jazz acapella group, includes everything from atonal to rap battles. Back row: Dan Malsom, Jeff Miguel, Tim Miles, Ryan Kirby, Dan Pang, Jack Tu; front row: Alexandria Lesicko, Kimberly Schofield, Jennifer Zhou, Katina Bolos, Erica Crosswhite, Allison Stark.

BLENDING THE TUNES

ILLINI AWAZ

This brand new acapella group was founded in 2011 and has 14 members. In their debut year, the promising Illini Awaaz A Capella had five main performances. Illini Awaaz is a great group for people with a passion for music, and an interest for both South Asian and English music.

THE GIRLS NEXT DOOR

The Girls Next Door have four main shows, including a show at the Canopy Club with a live band, and an additional one to two shows per week for different campus organizations, nursing homes and other venues. The Girls Next Door are a unique combination of fun and business, in addition to a group that is passionate about music. This all-female group has 13 members.

THE OTHER GUYS

The Other Guys perform 70 to 80 shows a year at venues ranging from the University to foreign countries. The Other Guys, originally the varsity men's glee club, are nicknamed the "Ambassadors for the University," and are often specially requested by the Alumni Association. The small group of eight men are nicknamed the "comedy octet."

RIP CHORDS

The group of 14 females performs one to four times a week. Some of their favorite venues are the Union, Assembly Hall and at Gregory Hall for their spring show. In addition to being a great way to get involved on campus, the group has a blast performing and spending time with each other.

Story by: Bob Holly
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Design by: Abby Batis



The Girls Next Door take a break from practicing during Christmas time, their busiest season. The end of each semester is always crunch time for the group.



The Other Guys flaunt their charming characters after a performance at the Take a Holiday With Her Campus event at the Activities and Recreation Center. All applicants for The Other Guys must pass a 20 minute interview based on personality.

"We treat each other like family, and we really strive to give everyone in the group an equal say in music choices and decisions. Going to rehearsal is like a break from the world to me." -**Kimberly Schofield, senior in No Strings Attached**

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**Q & A with Esteban Gast,
Junior in LAS & Campus Comedian**

Q: Where does your sense of humor come from?

A: My other senses aren't that strong, so I'm glad I have a sense of humor. For example, I can't even smell. I think my family really celebrates and accepts being ridiculous. I would get yelled at for playing football inside my house, but never for singing rock songs like an opera. I think it speaks a lot about my parents when I'm singing "All the Small Things" like Pavarotti and they look over and smile and accept it. We are Colombian, so that means we are all a little loud and obnoxious, so that got a little more accented for me when I absorbed the Colombian gene pool.

Q: How do you prepare for a show? How long is the process?

A: I usually sweat profusely before, during and after. It's very cleansing. Also, I write out what I'm going to say, usually just by topics so I can change material and improv a little up there and go with the flow. So for example I'll have a list and just review it over and over. So I'll be backstage pacing and saying words that don't make sense cause they are parts of larger jokes, for example: "McRib, Crosswalk, Obama and Lion King." But in my head it makes sense, and my biggest struggle on stage is remembering what jokes I wanted to tell, so I really have to etch what I'm doing into my mind, so I do try to prepare well. Of course, there are some shows where I'm not too prepared and wing it.

Q: Who are your comic idols and why?

A: I would say I would like to be like Jon Stewart or Stephen Colbert more than anyone. This goes hand in hand with the last question, I think their jokes are such a higher level and so amazing because they make you think and laugh. I also love Jim Gaffigan and Brian Regan. Both of those guys are so hilarious and never swear and never talk about subjects I would prefer to avoid. I worship their ability to rise above all that and be some of the best comics in the game. I also really like hosts. I would love being a host more than a comedian so Conan is someone that comes to mind. Some guys are so unique like Bill Burr, and that's something as a young comedian where I'm trying to find my unique voice and persona.

Q: Were you known as a class clown in high school?

A: I think I was a very respectful class clown. I think clowns as a whole are respectful, Bozo always said please and thank you, but I think I was even more respectful. It's because my parents are teachers, so I knew when I could make a silly jab in the classroom and when I should not annoy the teacher. I definitely performed a lot. My junior and senior year I would do SNL skits at assemblies, and hosted a few assemblies/events. I did stand-up comedy junior and senior year. I was Mr. Naperville North High School (NNHS), which was this talent competition and I did stand up as my talent, and then won Best Talent at Mr. Naperville which takes the winners of all the other Mr. School competitions. So I was on stage a lot and being goofy, which was great.

Q: What is something that people do not commonly know about comedians?

A: I think people think we are always "on." There are times where I am not funny at all, or times I want to be serious and have deep conversations. People sometimes seem shocked when they find out I'm President of Pancakes for Poverty, a service RSO, or had an internship with a congresswoman. "But you can't be serious, what did you do?!"

Arthur Stanton Eric "Arte" Johnson, Comic Actor

1946 Graduate

Most Notable Comic Responses: "Very interesting, (then inserted a comic misinterpretation of precedent sketch.)"

Alan Ruck, Actor, Performer

1979 Drama Graduate

Most Notable Performance: Cameron Frye, Ferris Bueller's pessimistic and hypochondriac best friend in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

Paul Brittain, Actor, Comedian

2000 Finance and Spanish Graduate

Most Notable Performance: A veteran member of the SNL cast with his memorable impressions as James Franco and Johnny Depp

Michael Kosta, Writer, Comedian

2001 Graduate

Most Notable Performance: Wrote a segment for Comedy Central Presents in 2011

NOTABLE ALUMNI COMEDIANS

LAUGH OUT LOUD



Esteban Gast, junior in LAS, performs at the Courtyard Cafe on Feb. 3.



Javaite Wilson, senior in AHS and Teresa Allen, senior in LAS take a break before restocking the glasses.

Each dining hall goes through four tons of food per day.

Approximately 968 student dining-hall workers are employed across campus.

72,644 plates, bowls, cups and tumblers are used and washed across campus each day.

On average, 7,897 I-Cards are swiped each meal.

7,000-8,000 people eat at the Ikenberry Dining Hall all-you-can-eat location per meal.

In one day, up to 60,000 items are sold at 57 North.

300 people come eat at Ikenberry daily that do not have meal plans.

Going trayless allows Ikenberry to save over 150,000 gallons of water a year. 600,000 gallons of water are saved across campus from trayless dining halls per year.

25% of the food now used in Ikenberry Dining Hall is from local producers and processor.

FAST FACTS



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FOOD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS



Zac Marquis, junior in Media, gets a slice of pizza for dinner at the Ikenberry dining hall.



Korean Cultural Center

2PM



KOREAN AWARENESS

Founded: September 2006

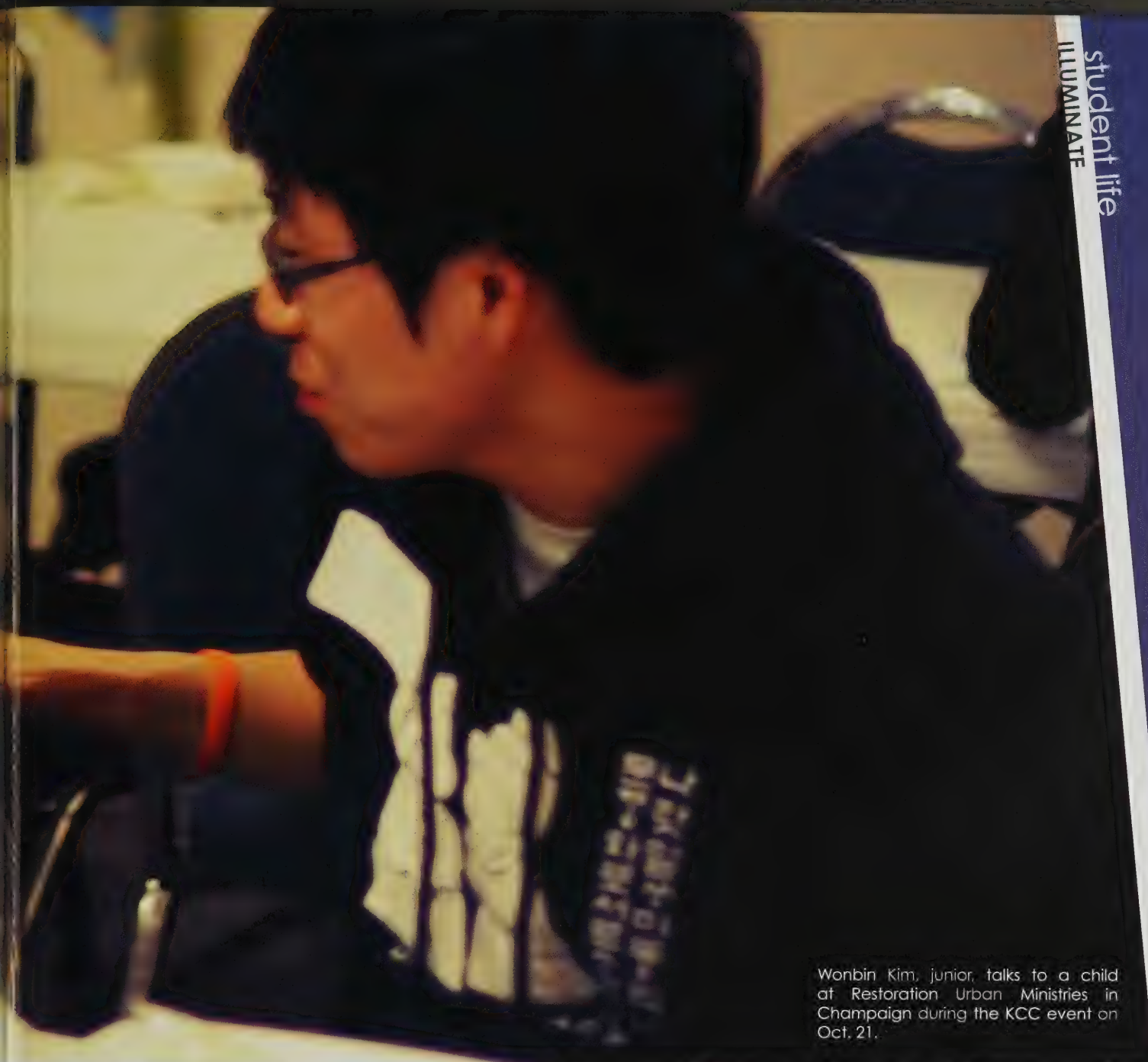
Mission statement: KCC at UIUC promotes and raises awareness of Korean culture within the Champaign-Urbana community. The Center simultaneously functions as a central place to increase diversity in the United States and strengthen Korean identity among Korean communities.

Newsletter: Korean Cultural Times

Types of events: potluck party, seasonal Olympics, bowling nights, BeKA (Building E-community among Korean Abroad), Pocha (Korea's street food vendor)

FAST FACTS

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Wonbin Kim, junior, talks to a child at Restoration Urban Ministries in Champaign during the KCC event on Oct. 21.

The Korean Cultural Center (KCC) is a non-profit registered student organization that strives to raise awareness of Korean culture to University members. Each semester, KCC partners with other community organizations to host various events. This year, KCC partnered with Restoration Urban Ministry to provide Korean meals to over 100 needy families and also introduced Korean culture to many whom have never come in contact with Korean culture.

The event was held Oct. 21 at the Restoration Urban Ministries and opened with a group of students playing Korean traditional percussion. The musical performance continued with a clarinet performance by a University student.

As the musical performances wrapped up, KCC members served a diverse array of Korean cuisine including appetizers, a main entree and desserts. As an appetizer, fried dumplings were

served. Rice, Bulgogi, kimchi and egg drop soup were served as the main entree. Citron tea and Yakwa, a Korean traditional sugar cookie, were served as desserts.

Finally, the event wrapped up with a discussion table among KCC members and the Restoration Urban Ministry families.

"The event was a huge success. The participants, as well as our KCC members, truly enjoyed the event, and through this event we were able to exchange valuable ideas," said Woo Chang Kim, KCC President.

A CULTURAL CAMPUS



Cristian Biviano, sophomore in Business, helps Marissa Zayas, junior in LAS, with her candy cane reindeer at Las Posadas held by La Casa.

BRUCE D. NESBITT AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

The oldest cultural center.

In 1968, the University started 'Project 500,' which aimed to bring in at least 500 African-American students to campus. The student population in 1968 had significantly less than that. Once on campus, the students realized how out of place they felt and on September 10, 1968, they protested at the Illini Union. 240 African-American students were arrested. However, as a result, in 1969 the African American Cultural Center was born.

The cultural center hosts or sponsors a variety of programs, including the Omnimov dance workshop, a student-run radio station (WBML), a dance ensemble, an a cappella group, and a theater troupe. They also publish the Griot Literary Magazine.

ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Programs at the center include a Food for Thought Discussion Series, a book club, and an Artist Showcase.

The Asian American Cultural Center celebrated its five year anniversary in Oct. 2010.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSE

Native American House hosts Indigenous Film Screenings and also has a Native American Language Interest Group.

"[One] great thing they've been doing is bringing in some of the amazing Native American leaders from across the nation and indigenous leaders from around the world," said Ross Wantland, Assistant Director of the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations.

Story by: Harrini Krishnan
Photos by: (left to right) Urian Franco, Joshua Beckman
Design by: Madeline Gorman

portilla chips sit alongside each Christmas tree decoration in the long banquet tables within the University YMCA during Las Posadas festivities on Dec. 2.



Charles Wu, senior in Engineering, serves himself fried pork, next to the pickled radish at the Taiwanese Investigative Bible Study at the African American Cultural Center.

JAPAN HOUSE

The Japan House hosts educational tea ceremonies are held every Thursday.

Courses are offered about Japanese culture including Japanese Aesthetics and Chado (the way of tea).

LA CASA CULTURAL LATINA

La Casa programs include a Latino(a) Family Visit Day and a Pen Pal partnership.

Lunch at La Casa is held every Thursday at noon, and offers free lunch while students listen to various culturally-related topics.

EUROPEAN UNION CENTER

The University of Illinois European Union Center (EUC) was established in 1998 as one of only ten original EU Centers in the United States.

In 2003, it was selected as a Title VI National Resource Center by the US Department of Education.

In 2011, the European Union recognized the EUC as a European Union Center of Excellence.



@MConnor23 Matt Connor

Lost my wallet, threw away my shoes socks shorts skirt headband and armbands. kept my dignity. #Illinois #Dayglow

@DjJuniks Daniel Luna

If you are not at dayglow champaign you are missing out!!!! @mistahan and @djJuniks killed it!!!!

@BernayMec Bernie Mecinski

ugh wishing so bad I could be in Champaign right now for dayglow. I'm dancing and going nuts in my heart ;)

@Trent_D_ Trent Reed

Danville came up thrown this Dayglow party tonight lol. All of Champaign is gonna be there. Too bad I'm not goin.

@Kwamanda Amanda Wall

I have never looked and felt more disgusting in my life. Also, the dj keeps pronouncing illinois as illinoise.... #dayglow

@ZachSandeem Zach Sandeen

Dayglow was insane! Spent all my money so it's time to leave Champaign

STUDENT TWEETS

Dayglow attendees dance before the paint is brought out. People were encouraged to wear white clothing. Dayglow describes itself as the "World's Largest Paint Party." Dayglow's current tour is called BLU, or "Beats, Love, and Unify."



LEAVE THE PAINT IN DANVILLE

Dayglow, which refers to itself as the "world's largest paint party," is a dance party with live DJs where attendees are covered in neon paint throughout the course of the event. The event took a trip to Illinois on Sept. 24.

There was lots of controversy surrounding the event, which was originally slotted to take place outside Lincoln Square Mall but was relocated after its special events permit was denied in both Champaign and Urbana. The tour location was moved to Palmer Arena in Danville.

Nearly 3,000 free bus tickets were given to transport attendees to the event. But that was almost 1,000 less than the number of projected attendees for the event causing attendees to consider alternate transportation.

Despite all the drama, the event still went smoothly with around 4,000 attendees.



ATHLETICS

Big Ten athletics have a special sense of tradition and competition in the nation. This year, with the addition of Nebraska to the Big Ten, competition has taken a whole new level. Athletes pride themselves on dressing in orange and blue and representing the University.

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Coach Kevin Hombly
talks to the Illini during
a timeout against
Minnesota Oct. 27

Football

Kenny Nelson (58) and Jeremy Whitlow (18) lead the Illini onto the field holding an Illinois and United States flag, respectively, during the game at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 1.



A SEASON TO REMEMBER

Position	Key Players
Quarterback	No. 2 Nathan Scheelhaase, 903 yards gained, 6 TDs
Running Back	No. 21 Jason Ford, 629 yards gained, 7 TDs; No. 5 Donovan Young, 473 yards gained, 6 TDs
Center	No. 76 Graham Pocic, All Big Ten honorable mention in 2010
Offensive Line	No. 71 Jeff Allen, named team's Outstanding Offensive Lineman in 2010
Tight-End	No. 3 Jon Davis, averaged 8.5 yards per catch
Wide Receiver	No. 8 A.J. Jenkins, 1276 yards, 8 TDs
Defensive Line	No. 85 Whitney Mercilus, 16 sacks for a loss of 105 yards, 9 forced fumbles
Linebacker	No. 45 Jonathan Brown, 108 tackles, 6 sacks; #38 Ian Thomas, 85 tackles, 10.5 tackles for a total of 48 yards lost
Cornerback	No. 1 Terry Hawthorne, 60 tackles, 3 interceptions, 8 broken-up passes
Safety	No. 5 Steve Hull, 58 tackles; No. 7 Supo Sanni, 49 tackles, 5 broken-up passes
Placekicker	No. 13 Derek Dimke, 10 of 12 field goals on the season, 3301 yards on 53 kickoffs
Punter	No. 18 Justin DuVernois, 2029 yards on 53 punts, 17 punts inside the 20-yard line
Long Snapper	No. 46 Zak Pedersen, named Most Improved Walk-on during 2010 spring drills
Punt Returner and Kick Returner	No. 12 Ryan Lankford, 19 punt returns for a total of 33 yards; No. 28 Troy Pollard, 18 kick returns for a total of 304 yards

Story by: Alyssa Ullrich
 Photos by: Daryl Quitalig, Michael Laccabue
 Design by: Katie Chrzanowski

Derek Dimke

Senior

Position: Place kicker

Hometown: Rockford, Ill.

Interesting Fact: Dimke played soccer all of his life and only started playing football in high school, kicking for Boylan Catholic High School.



Q: What do you find is the hardest part of being a student athlete?

A: I think the hardest thing is finding the energy to put in the effort that is necessary for school. We spend so much time, especially in the morning, getting up early for practice, working out and focusing on football, that by the time class rolls around and after class you just want to go to sleep—you don't have much energy for homework. So, I think that is the toughest thing is to be a great student at an academically competitive school like the University of Illinois.

Q: Do you feel a strong sense of "team" being a part of the Illini football team?

A: It's kind of like we have our own fraternity. I find that it's a very fortunate situation because everybody looks out for everybody else. Everyone gets along on the team pretty well and it's just a great support system for everybody involved. It's an honor to be a part of this team.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

It was an unusual season for the football team. They started the season strong with six straight wins and then had what will be remembered as one of the worst collapses in college football history with a six-game losing streak. The Illini redeemed themselves by defeating UCLA in the 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl 20-14, winning their first back-to-back bowl games in school history.

A Week in the Life of a Fighting Illini Football Player

Monday through Friday afternoon:

6:30 a.m. Team meets at the stadium.

7:00-8:00 a.m. Players attend several morning meetings.

8:30 a.m. Players head to the field for practice.

8:30-10:30 a.m. Team practices together.

11:00 a.m. Most players start their class day.

Players lift two to three times a week during the school week in their own lifting facility located at the stadium. The team practices and has meetings every day of the week with the exception of game day, on Saturday and Sunday. However, the team still meets for a team meal at the stadium on Sundays.

Friday afternoon through Saturday, game day morning:

Meet at 3:30 p.m. for a walk through practice, including running through special teams, defensive and offensive plays. After practice, the team goes to the Champaign Country Club for dinner. Following dinner, the players attend a movie as a team. Later, the team spends the night at a hotel, regardless of the game being home or away, where they will have a few short meetings and then head to bed.



Donovan Young celebrates his touchdown run in the fourth quarter of the Homecoming game against Northwestern.

BEYOND ATHLETICS

Having the Right Mindset

Golf is a mental sport, and the team agrees that the hardest part of the game is being able to keep your focus on the positives, not the negatives.

"There's a lot of downtime between shots, and it's easy to psych yourself out thinking about bad holes," said senior Luke Guthrie. "It's definitely the hardest part of the game, not psyching yourself out."

"In every other sport, you basically only start once," said freshman Alex Burge. "But in golf you're restarting all the time and it's easy to focus on other, negative things."

"Being in stressful situations helps you get better at it," said sophomore Thomas Pieters.

Looking Good

Many may not realize that physical shape is a big part of being a golfer. Golfers have to stay lean, flexible and strong. Their flexibility helps with their swing, but their strength is what carries the ball. The golf team works out three times a week both in and out of season.

More than just a team

The team may be small, with just seven current members, but they have formed big friendships. Several team members live together.

"With a small team you're bound to be friends and hang out with each other," Guthrie said. "I think that's what helps us be a successful team, we play for each other."



Being dedicated to golf comes with a pretty hefty price tag.

A driver can cost \$400 and a complete golf set can cost around \$1,500. Guthrie's golf bag has about \$2,000 worth of equipment in it. Due to heavy use and advancements in technology, the equipment has to be replaced every four or five years.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Chris Deforest, left, and Thomas Pieters practice chipping the ball at the Demirjian Golf facility on Feb. 23, 2011.

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Photos by: (left to right) Joanna Mirowska, Chong Jiang
Design by: Abby Batis



Luke Guthrie tees off at hole 11, during the second day of the Illini Spring Classic, held at Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana on April 17, 2011.

Despite all the past controversy surrounding Tiger Woods, he's still the epitome of success for golfers. "I want to be Tiger the golfer and dominate," Guthrie said. "You want to be that good. Tiger is still really good."

Many team members believe Woods did a lot for the sport. Not only were clubs improved upon due to his influence, but golfers themselves were transformed.

"It used to be that golfers had beer guts, now they're actually athletes," Guthrie said. "Tiger did that for the game."

With three former players and a coach that all play in the PGA, most of the team has high hopes of making golf their future, and maybe even becoming the next Tiger Woods.

THE EYE OF THE TIGER

Vanessa DiBernardo
sophomore

As a freshman, DiBernardo led Illinois in goals scoring. In her sophomore year, DiBernardo led the team with 17 goals, tallying the last one in the Big Ten Championship game against Penn State. In 2011 she was named to the NSCAA Second Team All-American, MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List, NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region First Team, Big Ten Midfielder of the Year, First Team All-Big Ten and Big Ten All-Tournament Team.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



ABOVE- The team celebrates after Megan Pawloski (7) scores the first and only goal of the game against Wisconsin. The Illini won the game 1-0, held at the Illini Soccer Stadium on Oct. 16.

TOP RIGHT- Vanessa DiBernardo (20) takes control of the ball during the soccer game against Toledo at the Illini Soccer Stadium on Aug. 21.

RIGHT- Julie Ewing, senior, controls the ball against Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at the Illini Soccer Stadium on Nov. 13.





GOING FOR THE GOAL

Illinois won eight straight games for the first time in program history, breaking the previous record of seven held by the 2004 Illini.

Big Ten Championship Game, Illinois vs. Penn State

Illinois won in overtime with a final score of 2-1

No. 1 Steph Panozzo, junior, earned Defensive Player of the Tournament honors.

No. 24 Marissa Mykines, senior, named Offensive Player of the Tournament honors.

DiBernardo, Panozzo and Mykines were selected to the all-tournament team.

NCAA Tournament

Illinois beat Notre Dame in the first round, 1-0

Illinois lost to Oklahoma State in the second round, 1-0

TEAM RESULTS



Story by: Emily Bayci
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ABOVE- Phil Pompei, senior, competes in the Big Ten Championship Meet Oct. 30.

RIGHT- Teams run off the starting line of the Big Ten Championship at the Arboretum Oct. 30.



NEW COACH, NEW MENTALITY

Illinois men's cross country head coach Wendel McRaven left for Texas A&M during summer of 2011. Illinois sought the services of a new head coach, former DePaul and Iona assistant coach, Gavin Kennedy.

Kennedy brought a championship mentality to the program.

"You're just dealing with a different caliber of athlete, which helped me learn how to deal with teams on a grander scale, and I hope to bring championship caliber mentality to Illinois," Kennedy said.

The team was young this year, but Kennedy still had high expectations. His main focus is to spend time recruiting so he can build up the program. He is also the distance coach for track and field, where he can spend more time working with his athletes.

"It's the University of Illinois, going to school in Chicago and being in the area I know what the U of I means to a lot of people in this state," Kennedy said. "Illinois has some of the best distance runners in the country, and we should be recruiting them and that's my main objective."

Illinois held two races, the Illini Challenge and the Orange and Blue Preview, before undertaking its first major race of the season at Wisconsin. In their warm-up races, the Illini had defeated seven non-Big Ten teams and developed an idea of how their season would pan out. However, their expectations were not met at the Wisconsin Adidas Invitational where the Illini finished 36th of 39 teams.

Then at the Big Ten Championships, hosted at Illinois, the Illini finished seventh, way below their expectations.

Illinois finished in fifth place at the NCAA Midwest Regional where senior Jim Riddle and junior Jordan Hebert individually qualified for nationals, marking the first time in a quarter century that more than one individual runner represented Illinois at the national event.

"I think it really came together at the regional," Kennedy said. "We put ourselves out there, and getting two guys in was a big step, but the team was in it for the first 6, 7, 8K of the race and we just kind of fell a little short at the end."



MAKING PROGRAM HISTORY

Over the years, the women's volleyball team has proved themselves worthy of a spot among the top teams in the country. The 2011 season was groundbreaking for Illinois, as the most successful season in school history. The Illini made the Final Four for the first time in 23 years and the program's first national championship appearance. Illinois took second in the nation, losing to UCLA in four sets at the national championships in San Antonio, Tex.

Colleen Ward, a senior outside hitter, is one of the team's main strengths despite remaining somewhat critical of her team's overall success.

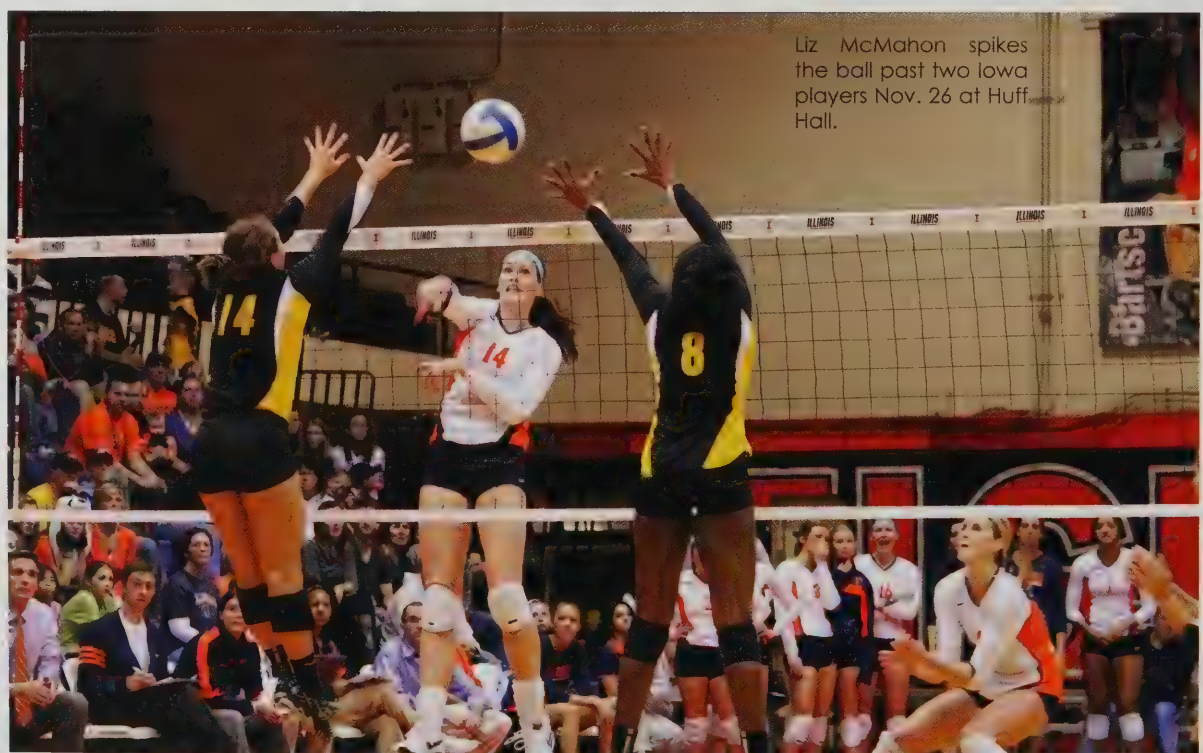
"We started off the season very strong and are currently going through a challenging time," said Ward. "We have had a few losses in the Big Ten, but are figuring out some things as a team. We are improving and constantly working hard in practice to be our best when it is time for the tournament."

Ward said that the most memorable moment of the year was beating Penn State on the road.

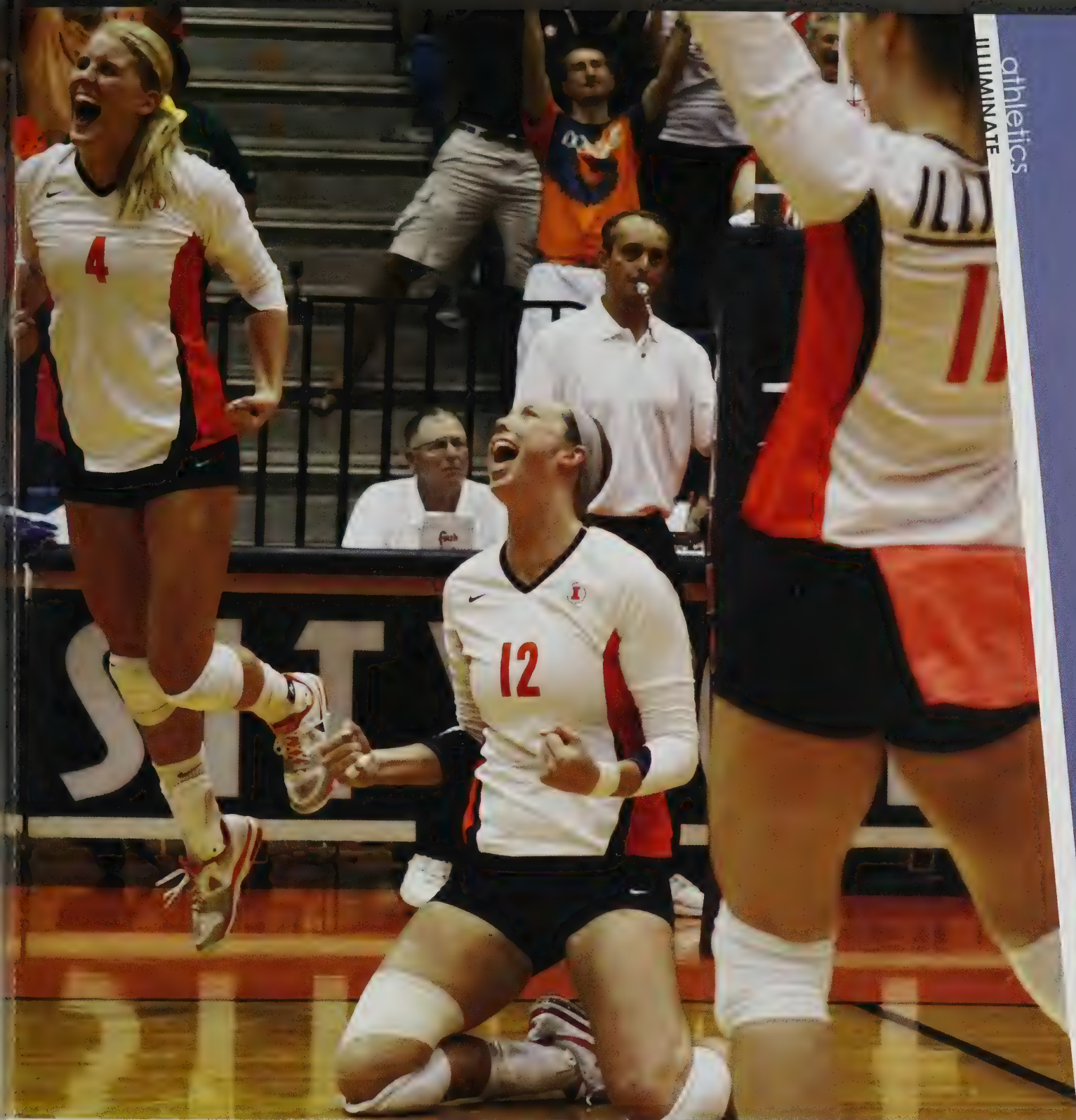
"It was a five game match and I was proud of the toughness that our team showed to pull it out in the end," said Ward.

Ward credits the team's outstanding chemistry and support for their success.

"We have such a different group of girls," said Ward. "No one is exactly alike, but we all get along very well. It is an awesome thing to be a part of."



Liz McMahon spikes the ball past two Iowa players Nov. 26 at Huff Hall.



Colleen Ward (4), Erin Johnson (12), and Annie Luhrsen (11) react to winning the first set 31-29 during the match against Tennessee at Huff Hall. The Sept. 2nd match was for the State Farm Illini Classic held that weekend.

"The Penn State game. I remember for the few points I was actually in, I don't think I breathed at all. I was extremely nervous. In the fifth set, the entire bench was on our toes, holding onto each other, jumping with our team, crouching down when the other team took a swing. It was an intense experience but so much fun." -**Jazmine Orozco, sophomore and outside hitter**

SEASON HIGHLIGHT

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

It was a rough season for the women's cross country team. Illinois struggled the entire season, ending with a last place finish at the Big Ten Championships.

"Fortunately or unfortunately, we can take a lot away from this season," head coach Jeremy Rasmussen said. "I think the one thing that we discussed after the season with the group was we were missing some leaders. And I think that was one of the biggest things that affected our performances out on the course."

The team had early success in their first three meets against weaker opponents.

The team ultimately finished last at Big Tens and followed with a 15th-place finish in the NCAA Midwest Regional. It proved to be a disappointing finish for a team that had high hopes entering the year.

The Illini's two top performers, senior Madeline Aufmann and sophomore Meghan Frigo performed well early in the season but struggled as the season moved on. They never found a true leader to step up for the team.

"At the beginning of the year at the preseason camp, the team gets together without the coaches and makes all sorts of goals," Rasmussen said. "They had a huge list of things that they wanted to accomplish this year, and a lot of those goals didn't get accomplished. We went back and said, 'Why?' And it was because we lost focus and the attitude changed during the course of the season. Everyone was waiting for everyone else to do something, instead of taking the initiative and taking the leadership role."



Colette Falsey, freshman, runs in the Big Ten Conference Championships on Oct. 30 at the Arboretum.



Illini Challenge	3rd of 6
Bradley Open	1st of 6
Orange and Blue Preview	2nd of 3
Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational	4th of 45
Wisconsin Adidas Invitational	44th of 44
Illini Open	3rd of 3
Big Ten Championships	12th of 12
NCAA Midwest Regional	15th of 28

2011 SEASON RESULTS

TOP— Meghan Frigo, Colette Falsey, Madeline Aufmann, Stacy Hague and Britten Petrey pose for a picture at the Big Ten Championships Oct. 30.

LEFT— Katie Porada, sophomore, leads a group of runners followed by teammate Madeline Aufmann, junior, at the Arboretum Oct. 30.

SWITCHING UP THE STRUCTURE

A constant challenge for the Illinois cheerleading squad is maintaining an equal amount of men and women on the team. For the past few years there have been 12 men and 12 women on the squad at basketball games, football games and other Illinois events.

"We want to get a full team and we're constantly in the rebuilding phase," head coach Stephanie Record said. "We want to get the team built back up so we have the people that can go and compete."

This year the team decided to switch things up by adding two female stunt groups to supplement a 10-couple team.

That means the numbers on the squad will increase and the cheerleaders will have more power to increase school spirit and focus on different types of stunts, Record said.

Members of the squad receive many perks of being a Big Ten athlete, such as apparel and access to Irwin Academic Center. The time commitment is three practices a week and weight lifting three times a week.

The team cheers at all home football games and men's and women's basketball games, as well as at some away games.

Official tryouts for the squad are held in early April, and people who attend the tryout weekend are usually committed to being on the squad for a full year.



LEFT- Third-year Illinois cheerleader Eric Cornell, far left, does a back handspring as Joey Zajcew, second from left, and Kyle Brownfield, third from left, watch during the women's basketball game between Texas Tech and Illinois at the United Center in Chicago, Ill. on Dec. 17.

CENTER- Scott Ward, senior, waves the Illini flag during the men's basketball game against Ohio State.

RIGHT- Freshman cheerleader Alexandra Anton does a back handspring as part of the cheerleaders' celebration of a touchdown during the game at Memorial Stadium on Nov. 12.





(left to right) Courtney Kramer, David Winters, Emily Weber and Brandon Buchanan perform the Diamond Head stunt during the game against Michigan



Maureen Liddy

Q: What are the team goals for the 2011-2012 season?

A: Our main goal for this season is to make it to the NCAA Championship in Tennessee at the end of May. This program has never qualified for the NCAA Championships, so our goal is to be the first in school history.

Q: How much of a time commitment is it to be on the team?

A: I pretty much consider being a Division I athlete a 24 hour commitment. Our days are pretty much scheduled until the very last second, so time management and discipline are key attributes to being a student-athlete.

Q: When did you start playing golf?

A: I started playing golf around 3 years old. My dad is a very good golfer and he got me into it at a very young age. I just participated in junior golf at my country club when I was little and then playing with my family made me love the game.

Q: What has been your best memory?

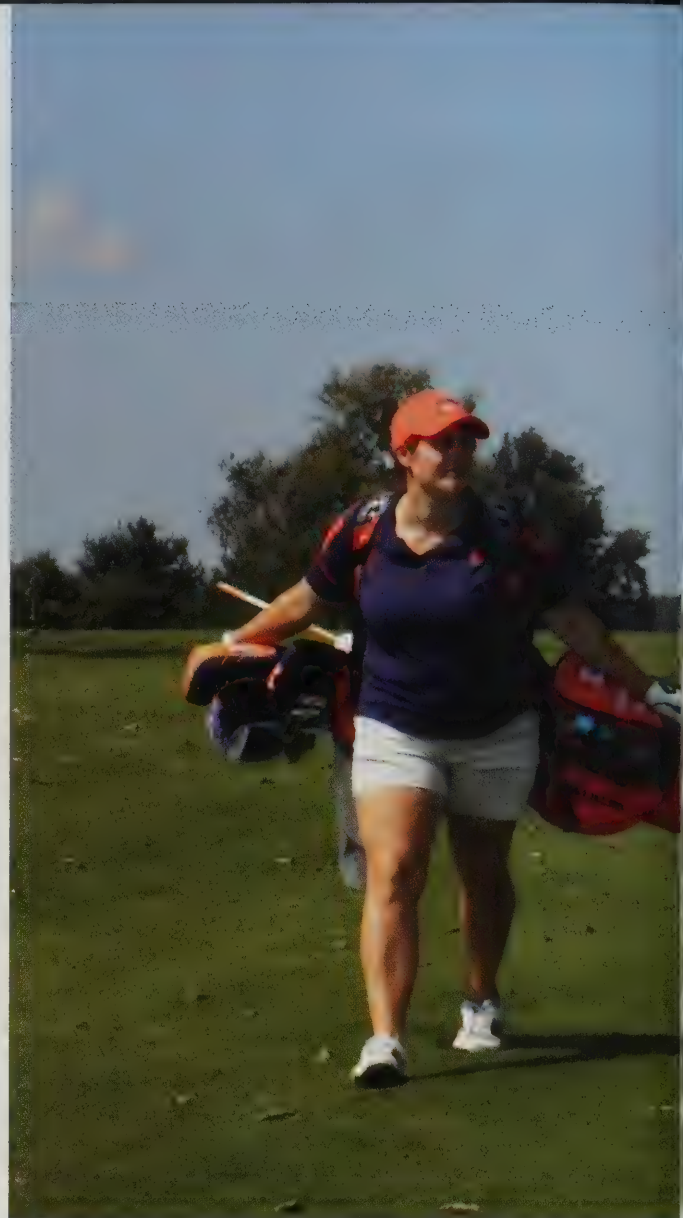
A: My best memory being on the team so far is basically just the relationships I have formed on the team. These girls are my best friends.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Sammi Sloan, Ember Schuldt, Nora Lucas, Katelin Dilger and Hailey Koschmann smile with their trophy after they tied for second place at the Ptarmigan Fall Classic Sept. 13.

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PUTTING UP PRIDE

The women's golf team seems to grow both in spirit and success each season, and the 2011 season follows this impressive trend of improvement.

An added bonus was that the Illinois athletic department opened the 16,000-square foot Demirjian Golf Practice Facility in 2007. The \$5.1 million facility includes large chipping and putting areas, heated hitting bays that open onto an outdoor driving range and full locker rooms, which encompass a lounge and study areas for the players.

"It's an exciting time for Illinois golf with the completion of the Demirjian Facility," said head coach Renee Slone. "The building has been a tremendous asset for both the men's and women's golf programs and will play a key role as we work toward building a championship program."

Katelin Dilger, Sammi Sloan and Michelle Mayer walk the fairway at the Bettie Lou Evans Fall Invitational Oct. 7.

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Michelle Mayer

Q: What are the team goals for the 2011-2012 season?

A: Our goal for the spring season is to finish really strong and make it to Nationals. We have had our eyes set on the NAAs since we walked on to campus this year.

Q: How much of a time commitment is it to be on the team?

A: Being on any athletic team at the University is a huge time commitment. Golf is a little bit unique and I'm sure most of our players can attest to that, being that we spend time by ourselves practicing before and after for hours or dedicating our off days to practicing individually as well. During on season, it was a challenge managing morning workouts, classes, practice time, homework and sleep.

Q: When did you start playing golf?

A: I started playing golf when I was eight years old, began taking lessons in sixth grade and then stated playing competitively in eighth grade.

Q: What has been your best memory?

A: My best memory so far was when we were playing from the tips (back tees) one day to practice our longer approach shots. We were into a three club wind on hole number 7, a par three, 205 yards to the pin, and I got a hole in one. It was amazing because Hailey Koschmann had just had a hole in one the previous day at the same golf course.

FRESHMAN SPOTLIGHT

CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES

Starting in pre-season, the anticipation for April buzzed among the men's gymnastics team. With a roster that includes three U.S. Senior National Team members and four All-Americans, the Illini had their eyes set on the national title.

"The amount of talent we are pushing this season puts us in a great place," head coach Justin Spring said. "We just have to hope for consistency and no injuries throughout the season."

Senior Paul Ruggeri was back after a ruptured peroneal ligament on his left ankle, and freshman C.J. Maestas, Illinois' star freshman recruit, was previously training at the Olympic Training Center and won the all-around and rings titles at the Windy City Invitational.

HIGH BAR

The return of Ruggeri and the addition of Maestas brings some of the highest high bar start values in the world to Illinois' lineup. Their keys are caught release moves and stuck dismounts.



Paul Ruggeri competes on the high bar during a meet at Huff Hall on Jan. 28. Ruggeri placed first with a score of 16.000.

VAULT

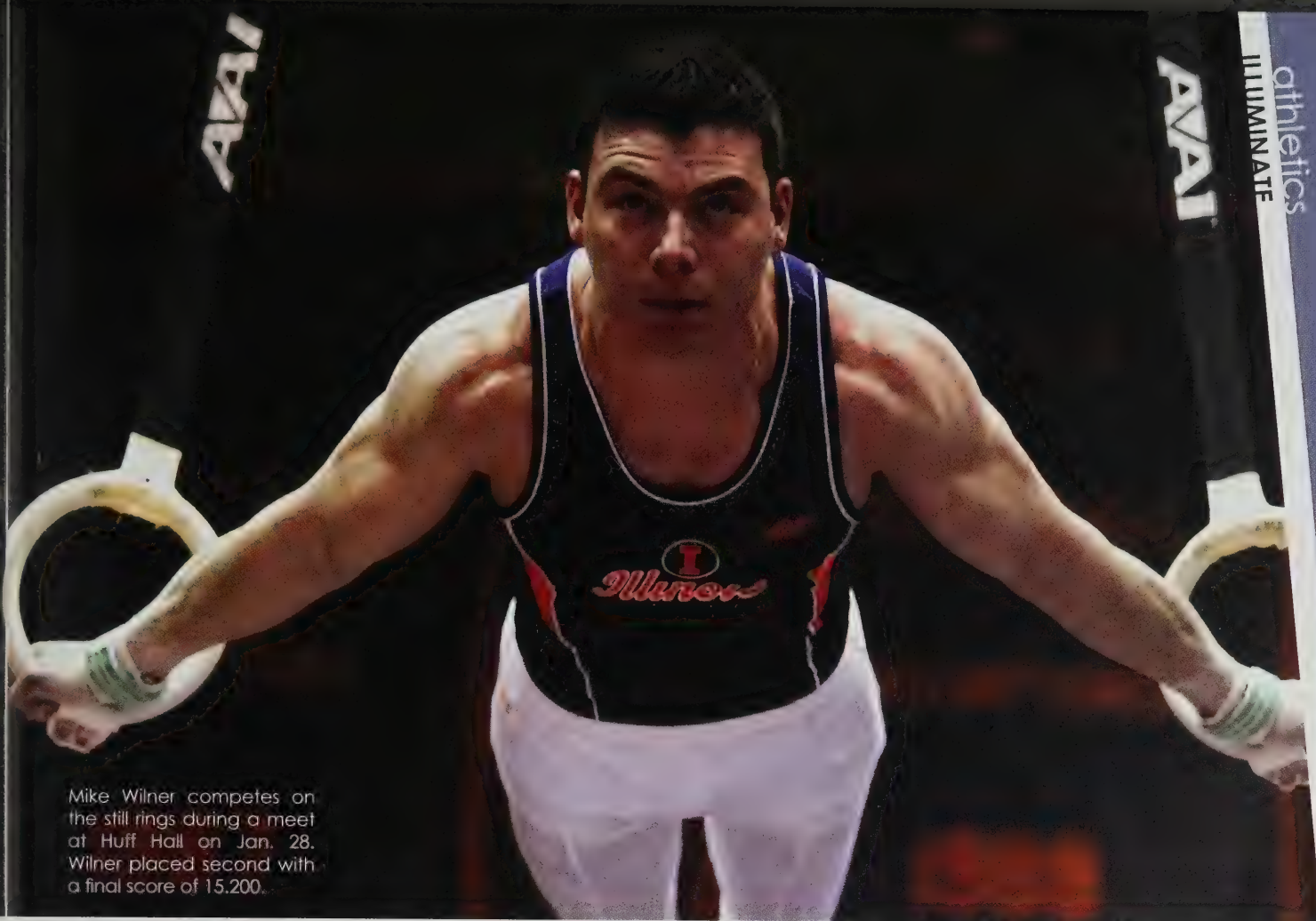
A high-risk event because of the potential for injury and missed landings, vault is one of Illinois' weakest areas. The lineup has not been solidified, with many gymnasts fighting for a spot.

PARALLEL BARS

The Illini have three All-Americans on the parallel bars: seniors Tyler Mizoguchi, Ruggeri and Padera. Mizoguchi and Ruggeri, both NCAA champions on parallel bars, will fight for the top spot in the event.



Austin Phillips competes on the parallel bars during a meet at Huff Hall on Jan. 28. Phillips placed second with a score of 14.800.



Mike Wilner competes on the still rings during a meet at Huff Hall on Jan. 28. Wilner placed second with a final score of 15.200.

"We are bringing in some strong routines on the floor this year, and it will be really interesting to see who ends up competing."
-Justin Spring, head coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

STILL RINGS

With no graduating seniors and the addition of Maestas, one of the top ring athletes in the world, Illinois has one of the strongest ring lineups in the country.

POMMEL HORSE

Illinois faces a challenge of replacing pommel horse powerhouse Daniel Ribeiro, who graduated last year. With less experience than usual on the event, there is a fight for consistent routines.

FLOOR

Floor has the most depth for Illinois, with 11 athletes competing for six spots. Illinois is replacing two key routines from last year's seniors: Ribeiro and Chad Wiest.



C.J. Maestas competes on the pommel horse during a meet at Huff Hall on Jan. 28. Maestas placed second with a score of 14.700.



MAKING A SPLASH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 to 7 a.m. Swimming</p> <p>2 to 3 p.m. Weight lifting at Huff Hall</p> <p>3 to 5 p.m. Swimming</p> <p>SWIMMING</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. Swimming</p> <p>3 to 5 p.m. Swimming</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. Swimming</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. Weight lifting</p> <p>3 to 5 p.m. Swimming</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. Swimming</p> <p>3 to 5 p.m. Swimming</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. General conditioning</p> <p>7:15 to 10:15 a.m. Swimming</p>
<p>6 to 7 a.m. Practice on dry land</p> <p>2:15 to 4:45 p.m. Dry land practice, then diving practice</p> <p>DIVING</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. Practice on dry land, then conditioning and trampoline (belt)</p> <p>2:15 to 4:30 p.m. Dry land practice, then diving practice</p>	<p>Morning Off</p> <p>2:15 to 4:45 p.m. Practice on land, then diving practice</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. Practice on dry land, then conditioning and trampoline (belt)</p> <p>2:15 to 4:30 p.m. Practice on dry land, then diving practice</p>	<p>6 to 7 a.m. Practice on dry land</p> <p>2:15 to 4:45 p.m. Practice on dry land, then diving practice</p>	<p>6 to 8:30 a.m. Practice on dry land, then diving practice</p>



Brittany McGowan, senior, races in the 100m butterfly during the meet against Illinois State at the ARC indoor pool on Nov. 1. McGowan went on to place second in the event.

"I came to Illinois because I knew it would provide me with great competition, and academically, being a part of the Big Ten. That's initially what I looked at. And I really just fit in well with my teammates and coaches. I'd say I learned how to work hard and push myself past my comfort zone, and motivate others to do it with me."

-Brittany McGowan, senior in AHS

"Seeing that it is an individual sport, as any individual sport would be, you get a lot of self-accomplishment and a feeling of how it is to trust yourself while accomplishing your goal. [Diving is about] realizing all the struggles that take place along the way and learning to overcome them on your own. They are on a team setting but seeing that it is an individual sport it does give you a lot of self-assuredness and comfort."

-Chris Waters, diving head coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHTS



Keri Eberhardt, junior, executes a dive at the Orange and Blue Exhibition at the ARC Pool on Oct. 8.

Top Players	Year	Height	Weight	Position	Accomplishments
Sam Maniscalco No. 0	Graduate student	6'0"	180	Guard	-Controls game -"Team leader" -1 Year eligibility left -Transfer From Bradley University
D.J. Richardson No. 1	Junior	6'3"	195	Guard	-Fastest player (ball wise) -Prettiest shooter -Only returning starter -Big Ten Freshman of the Year 09-10
Joseph Bertrand No. 2	Sophomore	6'5"	195	Guard	-Leading scorer of Cancun Challenge -Grandfather first black player at an Ivy League (UPenn) -Emerged this year
Brandon Paul No. 3	Junior	6'4"	200	Guard	-Best scoring performance in Illinois history (43 pts) -2009 Illinois Mr. Basketball -Dunk of the Year Nominee 10-11
Meyers Leonard No. 12	Sophomore	7'1"	245	Center	-Leads the Big Ten in block shots -NBA prospect -Played on the U19 USA Olympic Team



Against all odds, freshman guard Tracy Abrams manages to regain possession for Illinois against Ohio State on Jan. 10 at Assembly Hall.



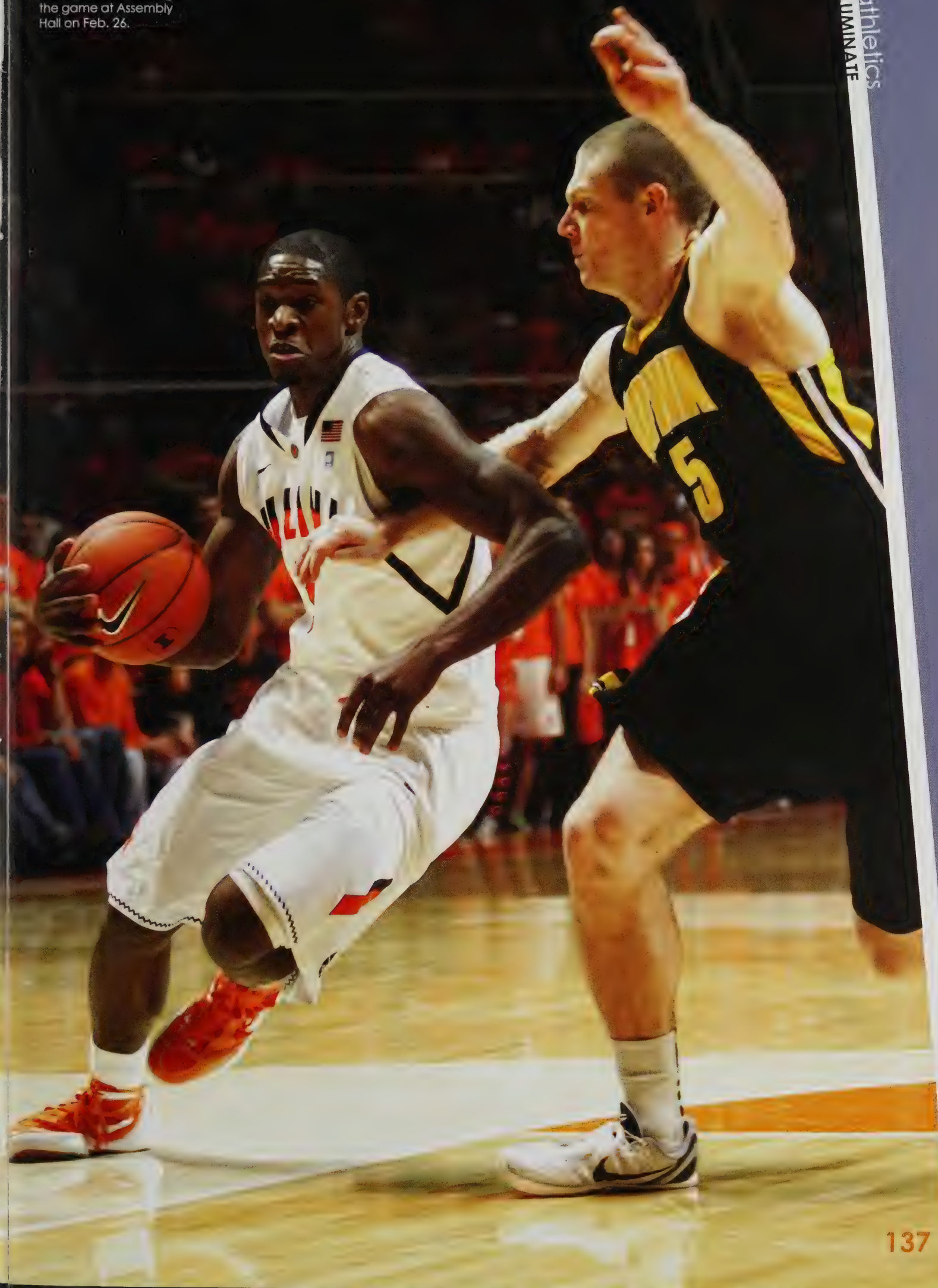
Meyers Leonard reaches for the ball at the start of the game against Northwestern on Feb. 5 at Assembly Hall.

BUILDING CHEMISTRY

Story by: Latifah Al-Hazza
Photos by: (left to right) Urian Franco, Michael Laccabue, Daryl Quitlig
Design by: Katie Chrzanowski

Brandon Paul drives the ball past Iowa's Matt Gatens during the game at Assembly Hall on Feb. 26.

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After one of the most successful seasons in program history during 2011, the Illinois women's gymnastics team had high hopes going into the 2012 season. Illinois matched its highest regional finish with a second-place showing in Tuscaloosa, placed third at the Big Ten Championships in Minneapolis and set the school record for beam score (196.975) and beam (49.375). With six freshman on the roster, the Illini had similar goals for success but know it's important to break in the newcomers.

"This team will be different than last year," head coach Kim Landrus said. "Several individuals will be looked at to step into roles in which they have not yet had the opportunity to do so. It will be exciting to see how they emerge as performers."

Seniors

Kelsey Joannides and Hannah Welker

Joannides was selected to the Big Ten Preseason Watch List and earned her first career All-America honors by tying for seventh on vault at the NCAA Championships to pick up second-team accolades along with being named second-team All-Big Ten in 2011. Welker did not compete last year, but has been making an impact on uneven bars and floor.

Juniors

Alina Weinstein, Jaclyn Kantecki, Elise Gill and Macy Hyatt

All four juniors are integral parts of the lineup. Weinstein is the strongest competitor as one of Illinois' top all-arounders. She was named the Most Improved Gymnast last season and was the second Illini on the Big Ten Preseason Watch List.

Sophomores

Sarah Fiedler, Elizabeth McNabb and Amber See

All three sophomores are expected to be on lineup the entire season: See on the all-around, McNabb on beam and Fiedler on bars, beam and possibly floor.

Freshman

Kelsi Eberly, Jordan Naleway, Carolyn Cozza, Sunny Kato, Gabriella Nguyen and Nikki McGarel

There is a very large freshman class, but only three gymnasts are expected to compete. Kato and Nguyen are sidelined with ACL injuries and McGarel has an ankle injury. Eberly competes mainly on floor, Naleway on bar and Cozza on vault.

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RIGHT-
Sarah Fiedler
competes on the
balance beam
during the Gym
Jam at the Huff
Hall on March 2.

FAR RIGHT-
Jaclyn Kantecki
competes in the
vault during the
meet against Ohio
State at Huff Hall
on Feb. 4.



THEY'VE GOT CLASS

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Alina Weinstein completes her floor exercise routine during a dual meet against Minnesota at Huff Hall on Jan. 14.



There's a rumor that all the wrestlers have the same tattoo. The truth? Getting "Illinois Wrestling" inked on the back is something that must be earned and is only seen among the senior wrestlers. Senior Marty Smith, right, shows off the signature tattoo that he earned, while junior Jordan Blanton, left, started a new trend by getting tatted on the shoulder.

THE HISTORY BEHIND THE TATTOOS

ON THE MAT

A strong start

In 2011, the men's wrestling team placed sixth in the Big Ten Championships and took 22nd at the NCAA Championships. It was a season plagued by injuries and head coach Jim Heffernan hoped for changes in 2012. The season took off with a very strong start. The team was led by All-American B.J. Futrell.

A young star

In early December, freshman Jesse Delgado faced the toughest match of his career against No. 1 Matt McDonough in front of 7,330 fans at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa. Delgado came back from a 6-2 deficit to overtake McDonough in overtime and won 11-7.

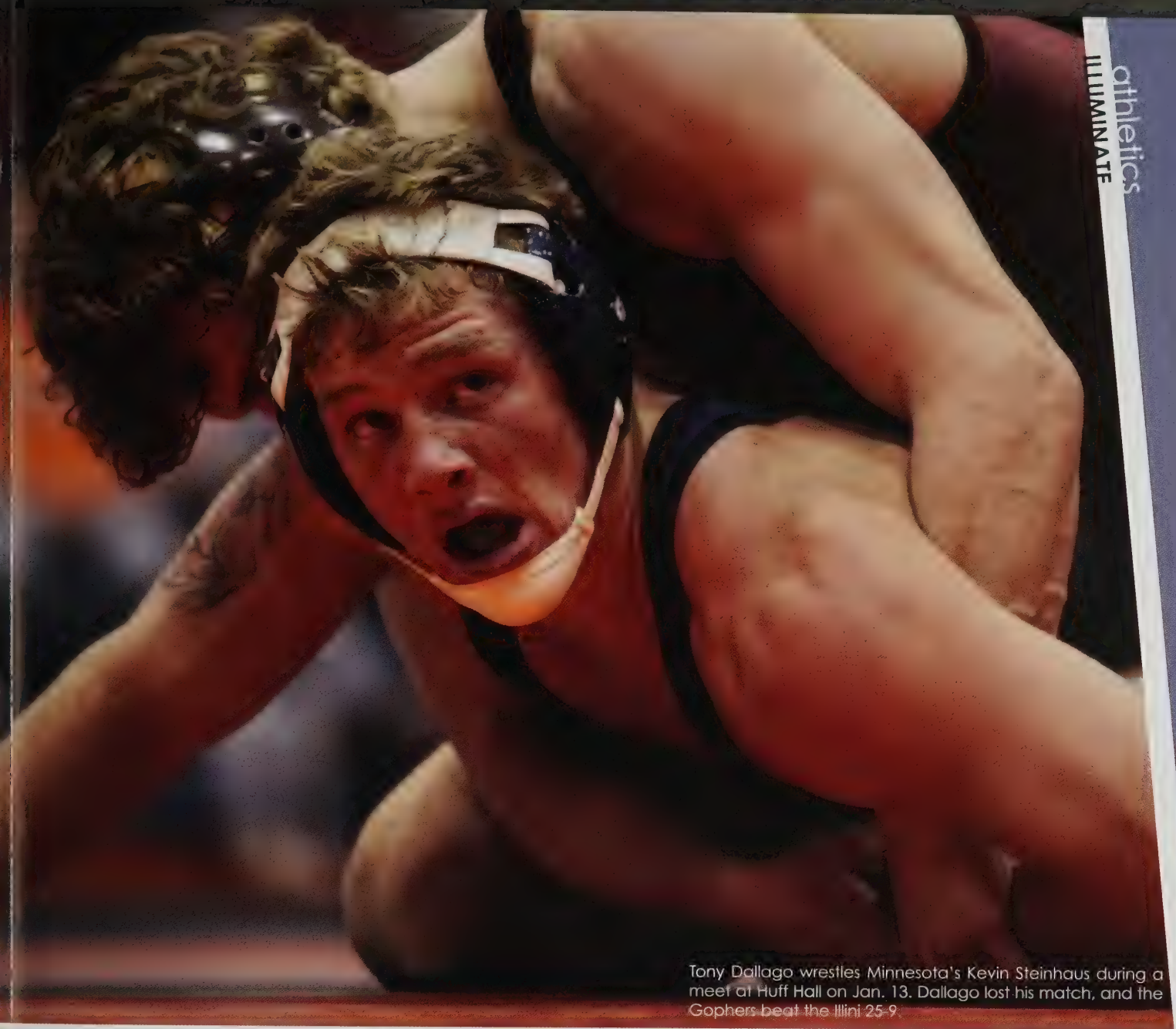
"Once it was my turn to come up, instincts came over me and the crowd didn't really bother me too much," said Delgado. "Not as much as it did when the other guys were wrestling."

It's all in the family

The wrestling team has its own definition of the name Ruettiger. Most fans associate it with the story of Dan Ruettiger, the undersized Notre Dame football player whose story was told in the 1993 film "Rudy." Ruettiger's nephew Matt is a freshman wrestler for the Illini. He comes from a family with a legacy of sports as his father and five of his uncles coach wrestling on a high school level.

Offentimes, Ruettiger is reminded of his uncle's success.

"I'm used to it by now, so I don't think anything of it," Ruettiger said. "It is a good movie, most of the main stuff is true, and it had good actors."



Tony Dallago wrestles Minnesota's Kevin Steinhaus during a meet at Huff Hall on Jan. 13. Dallago lost his match, and the Gophers beat the Illini 25-9.

Cauliflower ear is an acquired deformity of the outer ear. It is usually due to blunt trauma, such as repeated hits to the ear during a wrestling match. Wrestlers, boxers, and martial artists are more likely to have this type of injury. The blood supply becomes disrupted from the injured cartilage and often forms a large pocket of blood, called a hematoma. During the healing process, the ear can shrivel up, fold in on itself and appear pale, causing the ear to take on a cauliflower-like appearance.

Senior Conrad Polz, right, shows his cauliflower ear.



CAULIFLOWER EAR

ONE GOAL, ONE GAME



On Jan. 26, the women's basketball team went into one of their biggest games of the year. They faced Michigan State, the defending Big Ten Champions. Illinois hoped to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Pre-game thoughts

"They're known for being physical and definitely trying to bully people. We need to come out and set the tone that, you know, we won't be bullied and we're gonna push back as hard as they push. We know it's kind of going to be a slugfest," said Karisma Penn, junior forward.

What happened

Michigan State came back in the second half and turned a 13 point deficit into a five point game: 42-37 Michigan State.

Kersten Magrum scored eight points and blocked three shots by the Spartans.

The Illini made seven free throws.

As both teams battled the clock, the lead changed six times in the last 10 minutes.

Adrienne GodBold made a rebound with 9.4 seconds left, which forced a tie.

Overtime

Lydia McCully scored five points, including a 3-pointer with 1 minute and 23 seconds remaining.

The final score was 71-62 and an Illini victory.

Post-game thoughts

"I just told myself, 'You're going to get this rebound if it comes your way,' and I grabbed it. I was just focused on doing whatever it took for us to win. The rebounding just happened to come," said junior guard Adrienne GodBold.

On March 2, just one day after Illinois' first-round defeat in the Big Ten Tournament, athletics director Mike Thomas announced the release of Jolette Law, the program's seventh head coach. She had two years and \$620,000 remaining on her contract, all of which she is owed. In five years as head coach, Law amassed a 69-93 record with two postseason appearances, both in the WNIT.

COACH LAW RELEASED

TOP- Adrienne GodBold (24) layups the ball during the game against Ohio State at Assembly Hall on Feb. 9.

RIGHT- Ivory Crawford (22) dribbles the ball against Nebraska at Assembly Hall on Jan. 29.



Women's Tennis

SMASHING INTO THE SEASON

Story by: Emily Bayci
Photos by: Daryl Quitalig
Design by: Rebecca Elkayam

The women's tennis team competed in four tournaments this fall, which allowed head coach Michelle Dasso to see the work ethic of the team.

"I don't think the fall could have gone much better, to be honest," Dasso said. "The girls worked tremendously hard. I think our team chemistry and the work ethic and the leadership were the best it's been in my time here."

The leadership is in the three seniors: Chelcie Abajian, Amy Allin and Marisa Lambropoulos. The trio "sets the tone for the team," Dasso said.

This season Illinois had two new freshmen: Melissa Kopinski and Julia Jamieson who both won multiple matches in their season debuts.

Illinois was plagued with many injuries, with Abajian and sophomore Misia Kedzierski sitting out most of the fall season. When the team is injury free, they have great depth, Dasso said.

"We have, in my opinion, nine solid players that we can fill in here and there," Dasso said.

Dasso is proud of the team and thinks the fall season was focused on conditioning and preparing everyone for spring. They spent lots of time working on getting in shape as a whole in addition to practicing with different partners.

"These girls are in good shape and hopefully that's going to pay off this spring," Dasso said. "The quality of competition in our conference continues to increase. The Big Ten has gotten better and better, but we've gotten better and better as well."

"I think our team chemistry and the work ethic and the leadership were the best it's been in my time here."

-Michelle Dasso, head coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHT



RIGHT- Senior Amy Allin hits a forehand return in her singles match against Michigan State's Amy Barton at the Khan Outdoor Tennis Complex on April 17, 2011.

LEFT- Junior Rachel White serves in her doubles match with Allison Falkin against Michigan State's Amy Barton and Marina Bohrer at the Khan Outdoor Tennis Complex on April 17, 2011.

Stephanie Richartz

Sophomore

Island Lake, Ill.

Event: Pole Vault

Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week on Jan. 30 after her performance at the Mark Colligan Memorial Invitational. Richartz ranks seventh in the nation and first in the Big Ten in her event. She has three first-place finishes so far this season.

Richartz's Personal Bests:

Outdoor Pole Vault: 13'1" 3/4 (4.01m) - Polytan Invitational (April 23, 2011)

Indoor Pole Vault: 12'11" 1/2 (3.95m) - Big Ten Championships (Feb. 26, 2011)

Asia Thomas

Freshman

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Event: Sprinter

"Thomas improved by like three seconds last weekend, so we're hoping this is another big weekend for her. Just getting her confidence up, being on the collegiate ranks was kind of tough for her in the beginning. So we're hoping this is a big eye-opener for her, hopefully she can leave with a win," said Tonja Buford-Bailey, head coach, in a press release.

Melissa Bates

Senior

Grand Prairie, Texas

Event: Sprints

Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week on Jan. 25, 2010

Bates' Personal Bests:

Outdoor: 200m: 23.62 - NCAA West Preliminary Round of Championship (May 29, 2010)

400m: 53.39 - Big Ten Championships (May 17, 2009)

Indoor: 60m: 7.91 - Illini Open (Jan. 15, 2011)

200m: 24.27 - Big Ten Championships (Feb. 27, 2010)

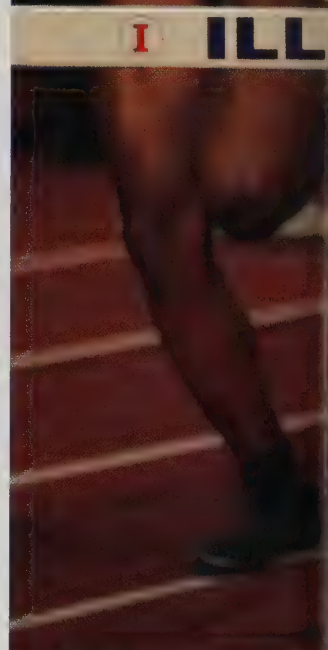
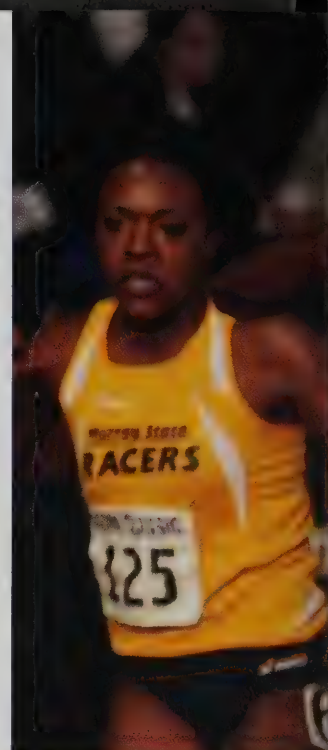
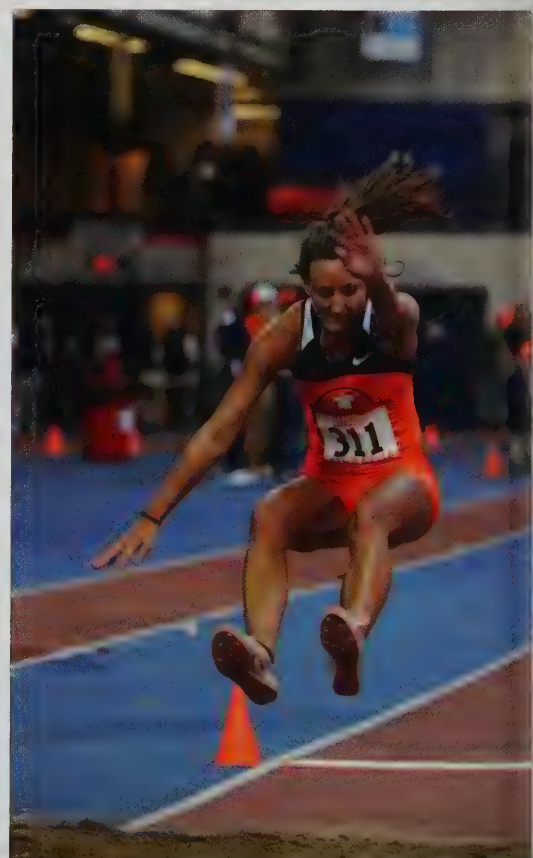
400m: 54.49 - Tyson Invitational (Feb. 27, 2010)

Triple Jump: 38'11" (11.86m) - Big Ten Championships (Feb. 27, 2010)

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RIGHT- Marissa Golliday competes in the high jump during the Orange and Blue Open on Feb. 4 at the Armory.

FAR RIGHT- Morgan Wood competes in the long jump event during the Illini Open held at the Armory on Jan. 14.





Breeana Coleman (57) and Jesica Ejesleme compete in the final heat of the 60m hurdles at the Illini Classic held in the Armory on Jan. 21. Coleman won the event.

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MAKING LEAPS

Events

60 meter dash
200 meter dash
400 meter dash
800 meter dash
3000 meter run
5000 meter run
1600 meter relay
Distance medley relay

60 meter hurdles

Long jump

Shot put

Description

198 feet or .03 miles sprint
660 feet or .125 mile sprint
1,320 feet or .25 mile sprint
2,640 feet or .5 mile sprint
1.875 miles
3.125 miles
1 mile, run by 4 different runners
2.5 mile run divided between 4 runners who each run a different amount of the distance
198 feet race with hurdles that are 33 inches high
Event in which athletes combine speed, strength, and agility in an attempt to leap as far as possible from a take off point
Throwing a heavy metal ball in a pushing motion

Events

One mile run

Triple jump

High jump

Pole vault

Weight throw

Description

The World Record Holder in this event had a time of 4 minutes and 12 seconds
The competitor runs down the track and performs a hop, a step and then a jump
Competitors must jump over a horizontal bar placed at measured heights
Event in which the competitor uses a long flexible pole as an aid to leap over a bar that is originally set at 4.4 meters high.
Consists of the competitor throwing a 20 pound weight in a hammer throw fashion



Kevin Johnson (22), junior, pitches the ball against the Ohio State on May 6, 2017 at Illinois Field.

FIELDING FOR PROGRESS

First year of baseball: 1879
Years in NCAA Tournament: 10
Big Ten Championships: 29
All time record:
2,257-1,444-36/.609

Head coach: Dan Hartleb
Conference: Big Ten
Home field: Illinois Field
Home field capacity: 1,500

FAST FACTS

Q&A with Justin Parr and Willie Argo

Q: How many players are in the team?

A: We have 35 players composed of unique individuals from all kinds of backgrounds. There are an approximately even number of freshmen, sophomores and juniors with fewer seniors.
-Justin Parr, junior

Q: Are the players enrolled in full-time academic programs?

A: Yes, we have players enrolled as full-time students from all types of majors, such as Sports Management and Communication. Usually, the players take fewer courses in the spring than in the fall. For example, we would take about 12 or 18 credit hours per semester in the fall and 12 to 15 credit hours in the spring. -Parr

Q: What is an Illini baseball player's typical day like?

A: Usually, the players would get up early in the morning and lift weights together at 6:15 a.m. After that, we head to class until 3:00 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. we have our daily practices until 6:30 p.m. After the practice is over, we go back home to finish our homework, do various activities as a team and rest. -Parr

Q: Are there any team bonding activities that players do with one another?

A: We typically spend a lot of time together every day. During our free time, we play darts often, go to the movies together and also play video games. Also, younger players live together in the dorms, which fosters a strong bond between one another, and the older players give rides to the younger players in exchange for swiping us into the dorm cafeteria.
-Willie Argo, senior

Q: What is the team's overall projection and goals for this season?

A: Our projected goal for this season is to win the Big ten Championship and make the regionals. After that, anything can happen and anyone can beat anyone—like last year. We hope to give our fans a great season by scoring a lot of runs, stealing a lot of bases and making some exciting plays. -Argo

Thomas Lindauer (19), sophomore, catches the ball to tag out a runner at third during the game against Ohio State at Illinois Field on May 7, 2011.





KEEPING PRIORITIES

Illinois' men's tennis was first formed in 1920 and is currently led by head coach Brad Dancer. It is considered one of the top college tennis teams in the nation and includes some of the most talented athletes. In 2010, the Illini played their way to a 20-11 record and finished second in the Big Ten conference.

Q: What is the most important thing in tennis?

A: "When you get to this level—Division I—it's all about mentality and having the right frame of mind to defeat your opponent."
-Ross Guignon, freshman.

A: "I think it depends on the individuals' styles. Serves can be extremely important because you have full control over serving and it can be used to pressure your opponent."
-Tim Kopinski, freshman.

A: "Passion—firstly, you need to have passion for the sport. If you do, you will want to work hard to improve and enjoy the process."
-Stephen Hoh, junior.

A: "The mind is the most important place to start. Also, you need to have the right combination of physical and technical skills to go along with the right frame of mind."
-Brad Dancer, head coach.

A: "Positive attitude, working hard everyday and believing in yourself."
-Dennis Nevolo, senior.

A: "Persistence and the ability to bounce back after failing. Also, it is very important to keep calm and keep your composure in tense moments."
-Ray Kalmanovich, senior.



TOP- Stephen Hoh hits a backhand return in his doubles match with Abe Souza against Wisconsin at the Atkins Tennis Center on April 24, 2011.



LEFT- Roy Kalmanovich returns a hit during the match versus Northwestern on April 10, 2011.

As a freshman you are new to this program, but do you feel like you mesh well with the rest of the team?

"Yes, I do. I feel like as soon as we got here all the upperclassmen were very willing to bring us into things. They took us out places, we went to eat all the time and I feel like my closest friends are upperclassmen."

-Brittany Sanchez, freshman outfielder

FRESHMAN SPOTLIGHT

If you could describe the team in one word this year what would it be?

"Hardworking. It is unique almost where we all have a bunch of different personalities and there are a lot of people from different places and it's just fun to come together and be a team and bring what we do to the plate and still work hard for one unique goal." **-Meredith Hackett, senior first baseman**

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Brittany Sanchez, freshman outfielder, bats during the annual alumni game on Sept. 24.



SLIDING INTO HOME

Q&A with Terri Sullivan, head coach

Q: How do you feel about the chemistry with a lot of returning players?

A: Chemistry is at the forefront of the positives that the team has going for them. They listen to each other well and approach one another. It has a lot to do with key veterans returning but also with some new players who have fit in since day one because of their work ethic and being the best they can be.

Q: How are the freshman contributing to this new team?

A: They are very athletic. Brittany Sanchez, as a left handed batter, loves to play the game and is very serious about contributing from the get-go. Jami Schkade, as a second base, is a key player and replacing an All-American is not always easy. She will be a good anchor for us.

ASK THE COACH

TOP- Meredith Hackett, senior first baseman, prepares to bat at the 2011 alumni game at Eichelberger Field on Sept. 24.

RIGHT-Jessica Davis, a redshirt junior, completes a play against Michigan on April 17, 2011 at Eichelberger Field.



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Ryan Michel competes in the high jump at the Illini Classic held in the Armory on Jan. 21.

Ryan Michel
Junior High Jumper

Q: How many meets do you have each year?

A: We have about 18 meets a year, with about half of them indoors and the other half outdoors.

Q: What has been the best memory you have had being on the track team?

A: The best memory that I have from being on the track team is going on all of the road trips with the guys on the team to our meets. We all have a great time hanging out with each other and always find ways to have fun.

Q: What has been the most challenging aspect of track?

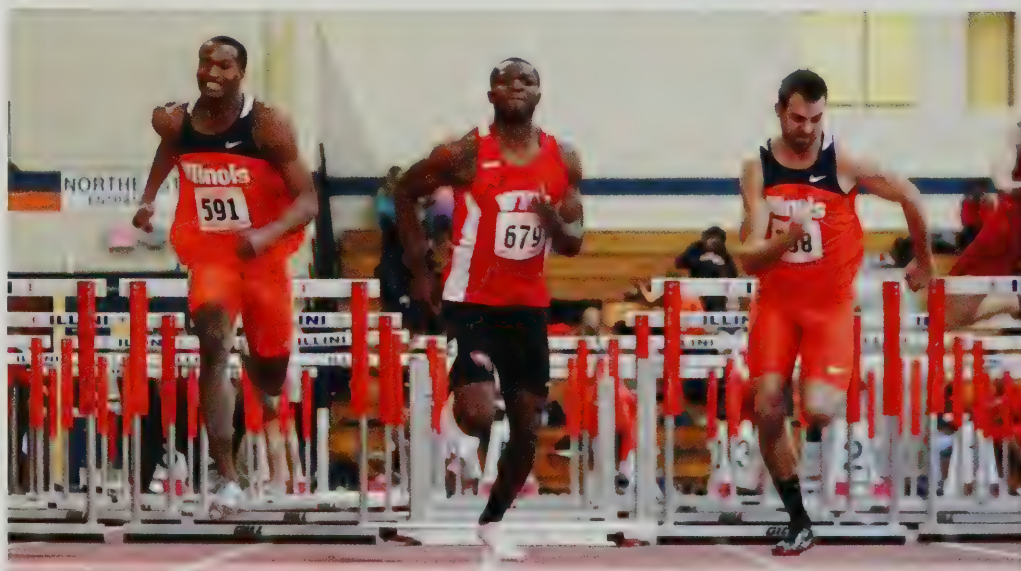
A: Practices are definitely the most challenging aspect of being on any athletic team. Along with that, having to balance your time between your friends, schoolwork and practice is very difficult as well.

Q: What are your goals for the year?

A: My goal for this year is to finally jump over 7 feet. I have been working to get to that height for a long time now and it's time to go get it.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Gary Ford (591) and Shawn Ledbetter compete in the 60m hurdles during the Orange and Blue Open on Feb. 4 at the Armory.



Stanley Azie sprints in the 60 meter dash during the Orange and Blue Open at the Armory on Feb. 4.

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STAYING ON TRACK

Often times unknown on campus, there are several men's track and field athletes who make their names heard as successes in the track and field competition. Illinois is off to a great start in the 2012 indoor season, ranked 3rd in the Midwest region. As for individual rankings, 14 members of the team placed in the top 10 rankings for the Midwest Region. They have eight indoor meets and nine outdoor meets on the agenda.

Junior Jimmy Sullivan competes in javelin throwing and he thinks the season has been long, but great so far.

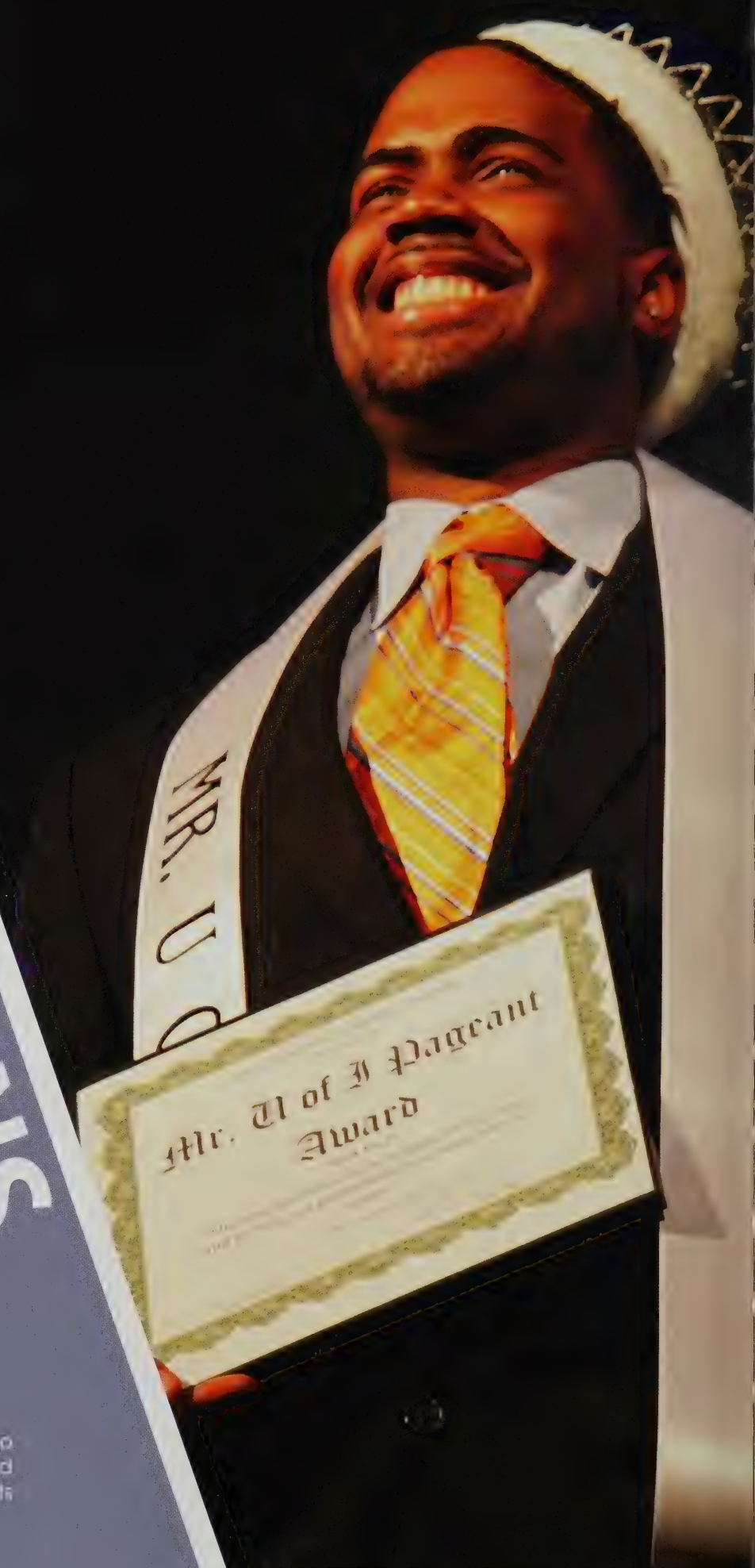
"We are all looking forward to making major progressions as a team, and as for myself, my goal is to score and be named All-Conference at the Big Ten tournament," Sullivan said. "We ranked 12th in the nation last year and that was a big improvement from years past. We would like to aim for even higher."

Davis Fraker competes in the finals of the weight throw during the Illini Classic at the Armory on Jan 22. Fraker won the event throwing 68 ft 2.25 in in the second round to break his own school record.



CAMPUS TRADITIONS

The legacy and tradition of Illinois goes back to the University's beginning. Alumni can be found on campus every weekend and current students carry on the strong traditions of excellence.



Bryan Thomas Jr. and Cedrinna Humphries pose for pictures as the 2011 Mr. and Miss U of I of the African American Homecoming Pageant.



Story by: Emily Bayci
Photo by: Alyssa Ullrich
Design by: Monica Behrmann



Stephanie Mundis
sophomore in LAS

"I wear U of I paraphernalia pretty often and when people ask me where I go to school, I'm always really happy to tell them Illinois."



Mary Vance
sophomore in Business

"I go to all of the sporting events that I can. I'm a 'blockhead' so I help with Block I. I am in Orange Krush and I am an 'All-American,' which means I raised the most money."



Tim Artman
sophomore in DGS

"I have t-shirts and I badmouth my friends' schools when we have competitions."



Susan Sunny
freshman in LAS

"Wearing my t-shirts. And I'm probably buying season tickets to basketball."

HOW DO YOU SHOW YOUR SPIRIT?



Story by: Jenny Crawford
Photos by: (left to right) Michael Laccabue, Jenny Crawford
Design by: Erjing Cui

Members of Orange Krush prepare to dance to the William Tell at Assembly Hall as they cheer on the men's basketball team.

Students cheer on the Fighting Illini from Block I at Memorial Stadium.

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campus traditions

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

Illinois is a Big Ten school known for having school spirit. With around 40,000 students there is always the familiar yelling of "I-L-LI!" followed by "I-N-I!" Many students are involved with Illini Pride. With more than 2,800 members, Illini Pride supports all 19 varsity athletic sports and includes Orange Krush, the student cheering section for men's basketball and Block I for football. These students are just a few of the spirited Illini, but they definitely have caught the Illini fever.

Students may ask their donors to pledge money per 3-point shot the basketball team scores during the upcoming the season. The donor can also pledge a flat amount. The amount of money that one raises determines their level in Krush. To become a Varsity member of Orange Krush, one must raise \$1.50/3-pt shot. However, freshmen only need to raise \$1.00/3-pt shot. To become an All-American member of Orange Krush, and receive greater benefits, one must raise \$3.00/3-pt shot.

ALL-AMERICAN IN ORANGE KRUSH

A FAMILY AFFAIR



Story by: Emily Bayci
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Emily Sawyers, Nathalie Rock
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Every year, one home football weekend is proclaimed Dads Weekend. This year's event was held Nov. 12-14 and put on by the Dads Association. There was an annual banquet and a Dads Day picnic. Jay Frye of Easton, Ill. was crowned King Dad 2011. He was nominated by his son, Lucas Frye, freshman in ACES. The fathers of members of the band also performed during the halftime show. Many dads tailgated before the game and made the whole weekend an event.

The weekend provided the opportunity for students to give their parents a taste of the college experience and for dads to relive their 'glory days' of college.

"Sometimes we forget that our parents were our age once, too," said Ryan Harms, junior in FAA. "Something about Dads Weekend brings out that side the ole' man that you don't see too often."

DADS WEEKEND

Moms Weekend, hosted by the Moms Association, is held annually in the spring. Several tours of sights around campus are offered including: the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, the Undergraduate Library and the Altgeld Chime Tower. There is also a Mom of the Year Award which recognizes the support, encouragement, and inspiration that mothers offer to their students.

A highlight of the weekend is the Moms Day Craft Fair, where dozens of craft vendors sell everything from jewelry to decorative birdhouses. The Horticulture club also hosts their annual flower and garden show. More than 10,000 visitors walk through the themed garden displays during the weekend.

MOMS WEEKEND

TOP- Dads of Marching Illini members dance to "Walk Like an Egyptian" during halftime of the football game.

LEFT- Paige Babilla, sophomore in Media, Mary Heaton, freshman in AHS and Megan Witnik, freshman in DGS, tailgate with their Dads before the football game against Michigan.

RIGHT- Erce Lyne McCoi, senior in FAA, tries on jewelry with her mother in the Illini Union's Pine Lounge during mom's weekend on April 9, 2011.



WE'RE NO. 1(1)

It's far from scientific evidence, the rankings of the top party schools are determined by The Princeton Review's survey, sent out to college students across the nation. The Illinois party school ranking of No. 11 was determined by a combination of reported alcohol and drug use, reported hours not spent studying, and the popularity of the Greek system.



Students often pre-game before going out. The set-up for a game called "Circle of Death" is pictured.

1. Ohio University, Athens
2. University of Georgia, Athens
3. University of Mississippi, Oxford
4. University of Iowa, Iowa City
5. University of California, Santa Barbara
6. West Virginia University, Morgantown
7. Penn State University, University Park
8. Florida State University, Tallahassee
9. University of Florida, Gainesville
10. University of Texas, Austin

THE TOP 10

Story by: Latifah Al-Hazza
Photos by: Emily Sawyers
Design by: Amy Tang, Monica Behrmann



Kristin Morrill, sophomore in LAS and Gabriele Dumasius, sophomore in ACES, work as shot girls at Joe's Brewery.

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"I like to go to bars, it's more relaxed and a calm social gathering. My favorite bar is KAM'S."

-Lena Brown, freshman in AHS



"Besides the fact that it's just chill and everyone's usually there, KAM'S is the best bar because I mean it's the oldest bar on campus and where every alum always visits!"

-Kelly Warf, junior in AHS



"The drinking culture is what I expected. I don't really agree with it, but it is what it is."

-Josh Phua, freshman in Engineering

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

AN ENTIRE WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS



ABOVE- A student shows his Homecoming spirit on the Quad.

RIGHT- Lexi Wurtas, Megan Polte and Andy Kalantzis pose in front of the Illini Tech Center's newly painted window.

TOP RIGHT- Odera Agbim, Abril Edwards and Marcus Phillips receive the Miss Talent, People's Choice and Mr. Talent award respectively, during the Mr. and Miss U of I pageant.

CENTER- Corvettes make their way down Wright Street during the Homecoming Parade.

BOTTOM RIGHT- Student volunteers take a break from the campus clean-up initiative for iHelp, the annual Homecoming volunteer project organized by Student Alumni Ambassadors.





CELEBRATING 101 YEARS



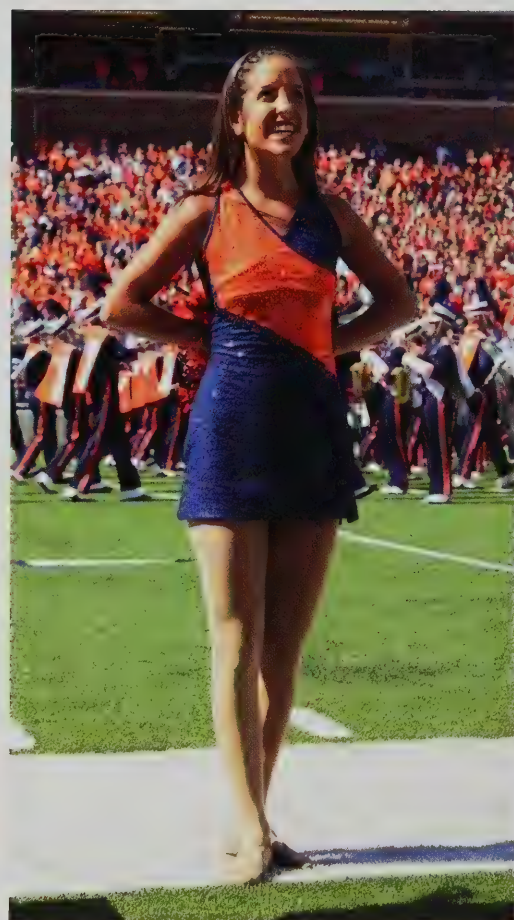
ABOVE- After the Homecoming Parade, students and Champaign-Urbana community members crowd the Quad for the Pep Rally.

RIGHT- Illinette Maggie Borchardt, sophomore in LAS, pauses during the Homecoming halftime show.

FAR RIGHT- The Fighting Illini celebrate their victory, 38-35, over the Northwestern Wildcats.

BOTTOM RIGHT- Marching Illini band members cheer on the Illini during the 4th quarter.

BOTTOM LEFT- The Fighting Illini score a touchdown in the final 30 seconds of the game to beat Northwestern.







National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China perform in Krannert Center on Oct. 19.



Fall isn't complete without Curtis Apple Orchard where mini pumpkins and Indian corn are also for sale.

"I finally rode the rail. I had to drink 36 different types of beer and then three mixes—which is Guinness mixed with another beer. I got a shirt and a plaque on the wall. I wanted to do something 'seniory' that was fun. I wanted to leave my mark forever!"

Amanda Nieman, senior in Media

"I always go out and head to the bars, but there has never been a night where I go and enjoy a show at Krannert."

Emma Forsberg, senior in Education

"I would love to take advantage of our campus because I feel like I take it for granted. I would love to explore places like the arboretum."

Joe Martinez, senior in Education

Story by: Rachel Buccieri

Photos by: (left to right) Ming Yang, Urian Franco, Michael Laccabue

Design by: Jillian Grachan

GOING OUT WITH A BANG

College is defined by pulling all-nighters, guzzling down excessive amounts of coffee, eating Ramen Noodles for 90 percent of meals, surviving weekends one ends up wanting to forget and struggling to plan the future. However, college is also arguably the best four years of one's life. Once senior year starts to creep up, students begin to put all of the negative thoughts about college aside and start to focus on what really matters—the memories. In order to make those memories last, most seniors seek to go out with a bang. They start checking off goals on their senior bucket list.

Ring the Altgeld Bell? Check. Exploring the haunted English Building at night? Check. Whatever is on their

list, seniors find themselves desperately trying to fulfill their desired activities and create memories that will last beyond their four years of college.

"I've had so many great memories—especially this year," said Thomas Heaney, senior in Media. "My favorite memory of college was the bar scramble with Irish Illini, or Saturday afternoons at Dos Reales."

Whether it's having a certain drink at a bar, eating at a specific restaurant or something more rebellious—many seniors put together an adventurous bucket list before they graduate and are thrown into the real world.



You can play a song from the playing cabin inside Altgeld or you can climb this ladder, which extends six stories through the Altgeld Hall Tower, to see the actual bells.

1. Play a song on the Altgeld Bells
2. Eat at every food establishment on Green Street
3. Join the Mug Club at Illini Inn
4. Ride the mechanical bull at KAMS
5. See a show at Krannert
6. Attend a football or basketball game
7. Ride the Rail at Legends
8. Explore the arboretum and Japan House
9. Go ice skating at the ice arena
10. Visit Curtis Apple Orchard

TOP 10 BUCKET LIST ITEMS

100 YEARS OF ILLINI MEDIA



When the men went to fight in World War II, a women staff took over the Daily Illini, with only one male staff member. "The men were disappearing so things that they would usually do were turned over to us," said Betty Terry who worked at the DI in 1940.

1940s

1871

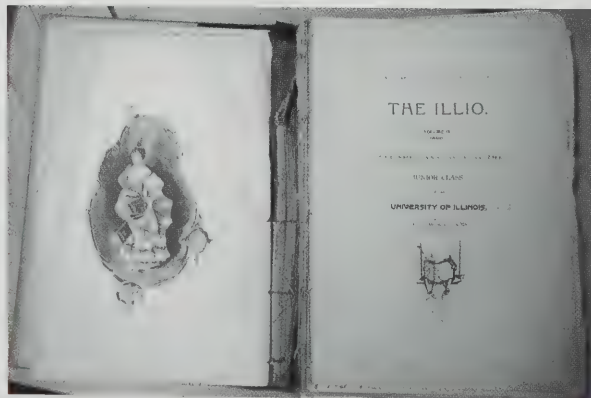
The Daily Illini begins publication. It was originally called *The Student*, then later changed to *The Illini* and then *The Daily Illini*.

1885

The first issue of *Technograph* is published.

1884

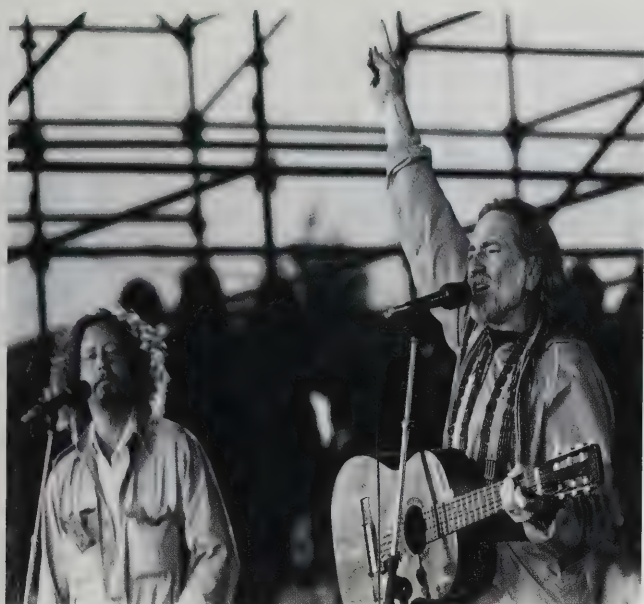
The Illio begins publication. It was called *Sophograph* and was a gift from the sophomore class to the senior class.



1920s

Harold 'Red' Grange played for the Illini in the early '20s. He ran for over 3,000 yards and scored in all the games he played in except one. Grange was a charter member of both the College and Professional Football Hall of Fame. "Grange made college football a phenomenon with his four touchdown performance in the first 12 minutes against Michigan," said Taylor Bell, DI sports editor from 1960 to 1962. "It stirred up more interest in the college game because when he traveled, crowds catapaulted."





The first Farm Aid was held in Champaign at Memorial Stadium. Some of the biggest rock and country bands from the 1980s were there, such as Van Halen, The Beach Boys, Bon Jovi and Johnny Cash. WPGU got the broadcast rights to give airtime to Farm Aid and it was broadcast over national radio networks.

1985

WPGU begins a pirate radio station wired through the ROTC barracks. WPGU stands for Parade Ground Unit.

1954



1963

The Daily Illini front page on Nov. 23 was dominated by news of President Kennedy's assassination.

Illini Media launches the217.com, an entertainment magazine covering events going on in the Champaign-Urbana area.

2008

1998

The Daily Illini launches Buzz, its new weekly entertainment magazine.

1950

Harvey Wittenberg, Gene Honda and Jon Hansen are all products of Illini Media who spend time together and have worked closely with the Chicago Blackhawks' public address announcing position.

"The beauty of the University of Illinois and The Daily Illini and WPGU is that it gives the opportunity to students to get a taste of real journalism life in both radio and newspapers, and I don't think many universities had that opportunity," said Wittenberg.

1970s

The program director sorts WPGU's record collection.





Alma Mater

Nationality: Illini
Ethnicity: Bronze
Birthday: June 11, 1929

Crafted By: Lorado Taft

Shirt Size: 20XL
Gown Size: 100 (19 yards of fabric)

Dressed By: Public Affairs Office
Fashion Discovery: When the football team went to the Rose Bowl in 2008

Featured Outfits: Cap and Gown,
Olympic Medals, Illinois Marathon
Sweatband and Bib Number,
Convocation T-Shirt

Follow her on Twitter: @IllinoisAlma

FAST FACTS

TOP RIGHT- A guitar hangs from the Alma Mater to advertise the Elnora Guitar Festival at Krannert.

TOP LEFT- The Alma supports the graduates every May with her own cap and gown.

RIGHT- The Alma Mater shows her spirit by dressing up for Homecoming Week. The t-shirt was designed by the Student Alumni Ambassadors.



A STATUE WITH STYLE

The Alma Mater is decorated for celebration of the Moon Festival. The Festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese calendar. It is a date that parallels the autumnal equinox of the solar calendar, when the moon is at its fullest and roundest.



MYTHBUSTERS

Alma Mater

Legend has it that the Alma Mater will finally take her seat when a virgin graduates from the University. Illinois isn't the only university with superstitions about its Alma Mater. Many other universities, such as Duke, Michigan State and Cornell, have similar superstitions.

English Building

The English Building originally served as a women's dormitory that included a pool, locker rooms and large gymnasium. Legend claims that a resident died in the dormitory, and haunts the building to this day. Several stories have been told. One story claims that the girl was murdered in her dorm. Other stories say that the girl accidentally drowned, or that the girl discovered she was pregnant and committed suicide by drowning in the pool. Some of the stories are harmless while others are terrifying.



Alma Mater



English Building



Noyes Laboratory



Bob Dunker, manager of the South Farm, takes students on a tour of the Morrow Plots.

Noyes Laboratory

According to legend, the gravesite of Edward Morley, a physicist and chemist, can be located in room 19C in the basement of Noyes. Although the myth has been confirmed to be a hoax, there still remains an eerie scene which leaves students wondering. A portrait of Morley can be found next to a pit in the ground and a small, white cross stands at the head of the pit.

Morrow Plots

The Morrow Plots are the oldest consistently used experimental agricultural fields in the United States and the first soil experimental plots used by a U.S. college. It has been rumored that if one is caught walking on or tampering with the Morrow Plots one will get expelled. This statement is false. One will not get expelled from the University after being found in the Morrow Plots, but can be arrested and charged with criminal trespassing.



Bud Strom, Ryan Baker and Paul Schrage pose for a picture at the President's House following a closing dinner with the Student Alumni Ambassador student hosts to honor their achievements.



"For me, the most rewarding part of the weekend was knowing I made a difference in the Comeback guests' Homecoming experience, no matter how small. I think the guests really appreciated being able to interact with current students: to hear our experiences, share their own memories and make new ones. For my guest, Bud Strom, it was probably one of the last times he will make the trek from Arizona back to Illinois, so I'm glad that I had the chance to share Homecoming with him. He was a really colorful character and very tongue-and-cheek, so there was never a dull moment."

—Alex Vickers, junior in LAS



"SAA Comeback has been fantastic for me both years, as a host and as a co-director. The best part has been the guests themselves; being able to learn from their life experience and apply to my own capabilities and degree from the University of Illinois. It has given me perspective and optimism that I will not only succeed, but that I can do so with making an impact upon others and leave a lasting impression. Having a chance to interact with prominent alumni, President Hogan, and Chancellors Wise and Easter, as well as the UIAA has been life-changing and definitely one of the best things I have ever joined or done."

—Miheer Munjal, junior in Engineering

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

BRINGING BACK THE BEST

Every year since 1980, the Student Alumni Ambassadors of the University of Illinois Alumni Association invite a group of distinguished alumni back to the campus to participate in traditional activities such as the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally. These alumni honorees also interact with current students and talk about their professional experiences since leaving their Alma Mater. The program's purpose is to stimulate greater identity and activity among successful alumni, students, the University of Illinois Alumni Association and the University.

2011 COMEBACK GUESTS

Emmy-nominated sports reporter **Ryan Baker, '91 Media**, currently serves as sports director and lead sports anchor for WBBM-TV/CBS 2 in Chicago. His career highlights include reporting from Greece during the 2004 Olympics, covering both the Fighting Illini men's basketball race to the Final Four and the historic White Sox World Series win in 2005, and reporting live from Miami during the Chicago Bears 2007 Super Bowl run. While at the University of Illinois, he was a student manager for the "Flyin' Illini" 1989 Final Four men's basketball team.

Paul Schrage, M.S. '59 Media, joined McDonald's Corp. in 1967, founding the company's marketing department and introducing its famous Golden Arches logo. He is credited with spearheading many of the fast-food giant's other key innovations, including drive-through service, breakfast, play areas for children, extra-value meals and creation of signature clown character Ronald McDonald. In 1982 and 1992, Schrage accepted the prestigious American Marketing Association Achievement Award for McDonald's. The University of Illinois honored him with the Alumni Achievement Award in 2003.

Orphaned at the age of 15, retired **Brig. Gen. Bud Strom '54 AHS** began his life as a working cowboy near Red Lodge, Mont. He joined the Army in 1955 and composed his first poems in 1973, during combat duty in Vietnam. Strom returned to the cattle business after a 30-year military career, and now owns the 1,500-acre Single Star Ranch in Hereford, Ariz., raising Angus cattle with his wife, Joan Strom '54 AHS. He has performed his cowboy poetry from coast to coast, and was instrumental in the development of southern Arizona's Cowboy Poetry Gathering, which annually draws 6,000-8,000 visitors to the Sierra Vista area.



Student Comeback hosts Miheer Munjal, Christine Nicholson, Alex Vickers, Molly McKiel, Stacey Burns, Brittani Brogdon, Lauren Whalley, Kaitlin Weitkamp and Ben Ganellen share a laugh with President Michael Hogan, wearing Bud Strom's cowboy hat.

GOING GREEN FOR A DAY

Unofficial, accepted or not, must be acknowledged on campus. The students, faculty and police have different views on the daylong affair.

For Unofficial

"For me Unofficial is not just about the day, it's about the build-up," said Laurie Shinbaum, senior in Media. "I love the countdown. My friends and I start an email thread over winter break discussing shirt ideas, and as time gets closer we look for the best and cheapest deals. In February we place our orders. By the middle of February, we literally start counting down the days. Each time we go into Walgreens, we are tempted by the green nail polish and four leaf clover tattoos. The night before we rest up, awake to our alarm clock with a shot—the worst way to wake up 364 days a year, but the best way on Unofficial!"

Against Unofficial

"I don't celebrate Unofficial," said Victoria Park, senior in Media. "It's kind of scary and when I go out on the streets people are throwing around stuff. I saw someone fall from a roof one time. It scares me. It's crazy."

In-between

"I think it will be an interesting experience to see, but I don't know—it's a ton of drunk people running around," said Jade Williams, freshman in LAS. "It might be kind of crazy. I heard it is an experience, but I don't really agree with drinking sunrise to sundown."

Faculty opinion

"Unofficial St. Patrick's Day is an event that initially was promoted by the owner of several bars in Champaign," said Robin Kaler, Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs. "It is not sanctioned by the University and it has a history of causing disruptions in classrooms, damage to campus property and serious injury—and even the deaths of some participants. This event is a drain on resources, and more important, a danger to our students."

Scott Cochrane, a Champaign bar owner, thought that celebrating St. Patrick's Day would increase business. However, there was one little problem—the University usually plans spring break on the official St. Patrick's Day holiday.

Consequently, students leave campus during the holiday and the bars don't get the business boost that the official holiday would bring. Therefore, Cochrane created the Unofficial St. Patrick's Day holiday in 1996 and the first Unofficial was celebrated a weekend before the students left campus for spring break. Spring 2012 marks the 16th celebration by Illinois students.

HISTORY OF UNOFFICIAL

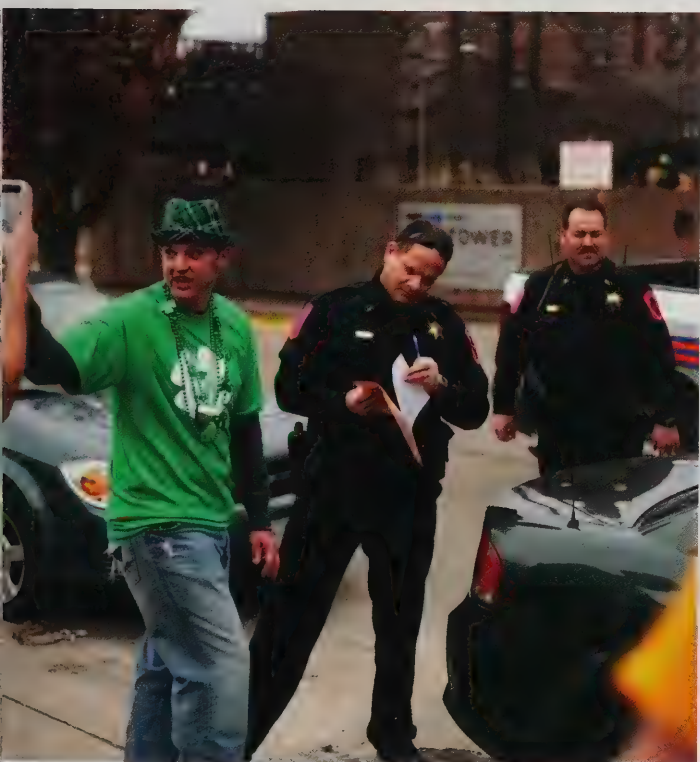


TOP- Students shout down to people on the street from a Green St. apartment balcony on Unofficial St. Patrick's Day, March 4, 2011.

LEFT- A University student is written a ticket for having an open alcohol container on the street. His friend, left, records the moment in video on his phone on March 4, 2011.

RIGHT- Frank "Buddy" Roumillat, right, Champaign resident and member of McKinley Church, plays in a Wii tournament hosted at Presby Hall as part of Alternative Unofficial on Unofficial St. Patrick's Day on Friday, Mar. 4, 2011.







Sue Wood, the chimesmaster since 1971, performs regular concerts on weekdays from 12:50 p.m. to 1 p.m. Special concerts are performed on Quad Day, Homecoming weekend, the Illini Union's anniversary on Feb. 8, U of I Founders Day on March 2 and Commencement weekend.

Altgeld Bell Tower

Built: Fall of 1920

Funding: Gift from the graduating classes of 1914-1921

Dedication: During Homecoming in 1920

Tours: Monday – Friday from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

What happens on a tour: A history lesson on the bells, an inside look at how they operate and a performance by the chimesmaster or student

What makes the bells chime every hour? The Seth Thomas clock mechanism

How many bells are there? 15 total

Interesting Fact: There are over 2,000 songs in the bell tower collection

HISTORY OF THE BELLS

BEHIND THE BELLS

Sue Wood

Job Title: Chimesmaster

Previous Occupation: Environmental Chemist

What is a common song to hear on campus? "Hail to the Orange"

Favorite Song to Play on the bells? "The Ashgrove"

How did you learn to play? Lessons on the Rees Memorial Carillon in Springfield, Illinois

What year did you began playing in the bell tower? 1971

Interesting Fact: Associate member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America

What do you enjoy about your job? "The Illinois history and I like playing all of my favorite songs without students knowing who is playing."



The University of Illinois Chime, consists of 15 bells located in the upper tower. The 15 bells weigh 15,625 pounds and are accessible by a ladder that extends six stories from the playing cabin roof to the upper tower.



The Altgeld Hall Tower connects the upper tower with the bells to the playing cabin. Tour participants can overlook campus while listening to the bells from this location

Graduates-to-be joke with one another while waiting to enter the commencement ceremony for students of the Molecular and Cellular Biology program at Huff Hall on May 15, 2011.

LET'S SEE

	2008	2012
Gas:	\$3.70	\$3.40
Stamps:	42 cents	45 cents
Milk:	\$2.70	\$2.99
iTunes song:	99 cents	\$1.29
Illinois base tuition:	\$8,960	\$11,104
President of Illinois:	B. Joseph White	Michael Hogan
Chancellor of Urbana:	Richard Herman	Phyllis Wise
Illinois football coach:	Ron Zook	Tim Beckman
Illinois athletics director:	Ron Guenther	Mike Thomas
Superbowl score:	Giants 17, Patriots 14	Giants 21, Patriots 17
Popular song:	Coldplay, "Viva La Vida"	Adele, "Rolling in the Deep"
U.S. President:	George W. Bush Jr.	Barack Obama
Olympics location:	Beijing, China	London, England
Dorm nickname:	"Six-pack"	"The Ike"
Combat involvement:	Iraq and Afghanistan	None
Best picture:	"The Departed"	"The Artist"
Bar changes:	C.O. Daniel's, FuBar, Station 211	Firestation, The Clybourne, Red Lion
Commencement speaker:	Mannie Jackson	Cokie Roberts

THEN AND NOW

HOW FAR WE'VE COME

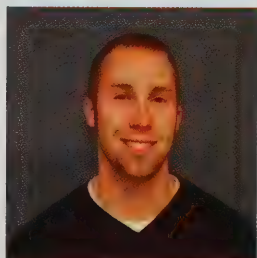
Katie Hynes,
senior in School of
Social Work



Most Memorable Experience: Exploring campus, whether it was running onto the football field, going to the Noyes grave, climbing on the Alma Mater or hanging out on the quad.

Advice for Underclassmen: Choose an RSO and get involved in it. I would say commit to one or two RSOs rather than getting half-involved in multiple RSOs.

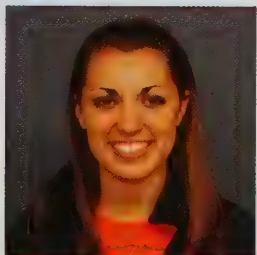
Chris Wolf,
senior in
Engineering



Most Memorable Experience: Studying abroad in Australia. Everything was a new experience and really exciting so it's gonna be hard to forget.

Advice for Underclassmen: Study abroad. Do it, and you won't regret it. You will learn so much including a lot about yourself.

Lindsey Harrison,
senior in AHS



Most Memorable Experience: Joining Cru. College wouldn't have been the same without it. I grew in my faith in incredible ways and Cru gave me so many opportunities to grow. I loved it.

Advice for Underclassmen: Challenge yourself, experience new things, and don't take anything for granted. College goes by way faster than you think it will.

The Chicken Letter: a letter between two men who were writing each other about chicken poultry and raising chickens

Soda bottles: a soda bottle called "Howdy" and a lemon soda bottle

A math journal with notes

A world map

WHAT ELSE WAS FOUND?



ABOVE- Holly Rushakoff, Media Communications Specialist for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, holds the Women's League Fashion Revue ticket, in addition to Pauline Hurd's purse that was discovered in Lincoln Hall.

LEFT- The purse, belonging to Pauline Martha Hurd in 1928, has deteriorated with time but remains a piece of University history.

TOP RIGHT- Pauline Hurd, middle of the top row, featured in the 1929 Illio as a member of the Jamesonian Literary Society.



THE UNINTENDED TIME CAPSULE

In 2010 when construction began on Lincoln Hall, a worker found a purse behind a plumbing chase wall in a women's bathroom on the first floor. Inside the purse were several tickets to a Women's League Fashion Revue dated March 10, 1928. This led the worker to believe the purse has been lost for 82 years.

Also inside the purse was a receipt from the University's Business Office for \$51.50 in fees. The receipt was made out to Pauline Martha Hurd, a student in the College of Education with a literary flair who dreamed of writing a book one day.

Holly Rushakoff, a media and communications specialist in the Office of Communications and Marketing for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was intrigued by the mystery of the purse and Pauline Hurd's life.

"The thing that was interesting was although she never published a book, here she has become the focal point and the heroine of this story that we began to investigate," Rushakoff said. "So, she is persisting in this unique way that Pauline couldn't have imagined."

History of Pauline Martha Hurd

Pauline Hurd was born in Urbana in 1911, which coincidentally was the same year that Lincoln Hall opened. She attended Champaign High School. Hurd entered the U of I in 1927 at the age of 16. At this time Lincoln Hall was only half its current size.

Rushakoff dug deeper into finding out who Pauline Hurd was.

"I took it upon myself to look her up in the Illios, then I found the Daily Illini and the Urbana Daily Courier had digital archives online," Rushakoff said. "So, I just started putting her name in. And first in the Illio, we found her photo. Of course, we wanted to see what she looked like."

The Mystery

Many might wonder how the purse got behind a wall in a women's bathroom in Lincoln Hall. It isn't logical that Pauline threw her purse over the wall with tickets and a school receipt.

Rushakoff said the construction worker had a more logical explanation of how the purse got behind the plumbing wall.

"The worker who found the purse had a suspicion maybe her purse was stolen," Rushakoff said. "And someone took the money out from her ticket sales, they're 50 cents a ticket, and threw the purse where no one would find it behind this wall."

What Will Happen to the Purse

Rushakoff says her department is going to talk to professionals on campus who know how to preserve documents and materials properly.

"We'll talk with people on campus who know about preserving things properly to see if this purse could survive another hundred years if it were properly sealed," says Rushakoff. "And then maybe we could accompany it with this story that was an unintended time capsule."

After sitting behind a wall for more than 80 years, the purse is not in the best condition and it needs professional attention to preserve it, if that's even possible.

University History

Rushakoff said this campus retains a lot of history through the people that pass through it.

"That particular building has a special place in so many alumni hearts," Rushakoff said. "That it was a fascinating find to be able to discover the life from a student from 80 years ago, that then lets us learn how campus has changed all these years and how it has stayed the same."

Pauline Hurd's purse captures the idea that buildings on this campus aren't just buildings. They represent the people who inhabit them and attend class in them. Pauline Hurd's purse opened up an unintended time capsule that has highlighted the history of The University of Illinois and the Champaign-Urbana community.

TALK LIKE AN ILLINI

Block (noun): A Greek life tradition. Fraternities and sororities pair-up, rent out a bar together before home football games and get laughably drunk. This usually occurs ridiculously early in the morning. Most students usually miss the actual game all together.

Bro (noun): Not limited to fraternity brothers, this term includes all lacrosse-playing, wakeboard-riding, dirt bike-loving, tank top-wearing, shaggy-haired males on campus. They are characterized by their non-chalant head nods, glazed eyes, and the red cup attached to their hands.

Frat star (noun): A member of a fraternity who goes above and beyond the frat call of duty. He is characterized by his Sperrys, drinking ability, over-inflated ego, shameless hitting on bimbos, and distaste for GDIs.

GDI (noun): God damn independent or he or she who chooses to refrain from being part of Greek life. Lives by the mantra "At least I don't pay for my friends." One can be seen in his/her natural habitat of Brothers, Murphy's, or Legends sneering at frat stars.

Hipster (noun): An individual who strays away from the mainstream and opts for indie-rock music, tight jeans, feather hair extensions and all things liberal. Often vegetarians, hipsters frown upon violence of all sorts and "the man," but love bikes, thrift stores, and films with subtitles. High concentrations of hipsters can be found throughout Urbana coffee shops or in line at Urban Outfitters.

Late-Night (noun): The number one contributor to the Freshman 15, Late-Night is the collection of delectable snack options available for purchase on students' meal plans. It is now officially known as 57 North in the Ikenberry Dining Hall. Often enjoyed by freshman students after a long night studying or after their fake IDs are denied at the bar and their night is cut short.

Locals/townies (noun): Those non-students who have the nerve to show up on campus making bar lines longer and bringing the age demographic up 20 years.

Pre-game (verb): A short period of intense drinking prior to going to a bar or an event. The purpose is to avoid paying high drink prices at bars or maintain a pleasurable amount of intoxication while at an event where alcohol can not be brought in, like a football game.

UGL: Undergraduate Library. Often mistakenly thought to stand for the Underground Library due to the building's position underground. The first floor is more of a socializing ground than studying sanctuary, but if you dare venture to the lower level, beware, library police will have your head if you utter a word.

Shack (noun): A college sleepover, usually (but not exclusively) with the opposite sex. It commonly occurs after a long night of intoxication. Often accompanied the next day by a walk of shame, sense of remorse, and loss of personal dignity.

The 6 Pack (noun): The Residence Halls that include Garner, Forbes, Hopkins, Scott, Snyder, and Weston. Traditionally known as the "cool, social" dorms, although the University's lottery system aims to change this reputation, they are still preferable due to their non-Boofo location and proximity to the Ikenberry Commons.

The Chief (noun): The deceased mascot. Students who arrived on campus post-Chief might be surprised to believe that at one time we actually did have a symbol other than a huge orange I to represent our school. The Chief is still donned on many as a t-shirt and bumper sticker.

Unofficial (noun): Short for Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. This annual day-long drinking event takes place the Friday before the week of actual St. Patrick's Day, and is a holiday for students and quota-seeking police officers alike. The event is a resident adviser and teaching assistant's worst nightmare and can be characterized by green garb and green puke filling the Champaign streets.

Story by: Emily Banas

Photos by: (left column) Lauren Whalley, Brad Meyer, Daryl Quitalig, Urian Franco (right column) Christine Nicholson, Urian Franco, Michael Laccabue, Lauren Whalley, Urian Franco

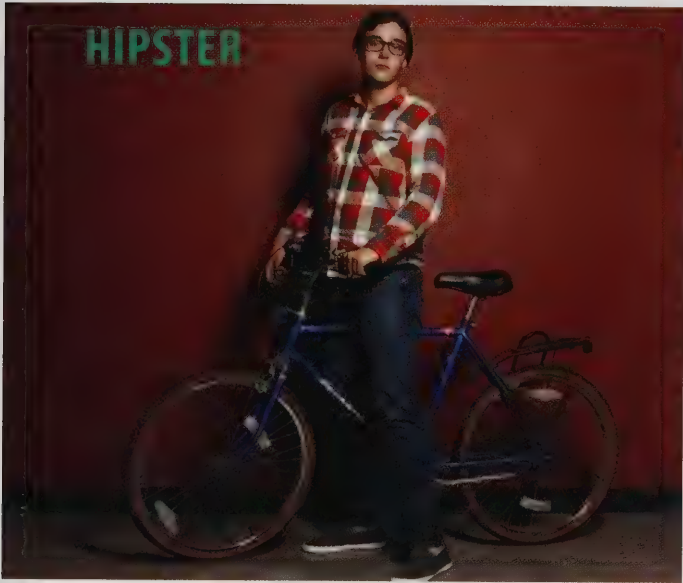
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BLOCK



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6-PACK

GROUPS AND GREEKS

On a campus with tens of thousands of students, it can oftentimes be hard to make a big school small. Students are encouraged to branch out of their majors and meet new people. This can be done through the hundreds of organizations Illinois offers. The University has the largest Greek system in the nation along with clubs for every imaginable human interest from Harry Potter to underwater hockey.





Audrey Chun, graduate student, adds to her arrangement at the monthly Floral Design Club meeting held in the Plant Sciences Lab.

Story by: Emily Bayci
Photo by: Nathalie Rock
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Row 1 Eileen Matthews, Brian Johnson, Lil Levant, Melissa Pasco, Jill Disis, Lauren Whalley.

Row 2 Tom Costello, Ryan VanZuiden, Bob Chain, Dylan Sutcliff, Erik Hasenberg.

"The Illini Media Board is the governing body of our non-profit company that has been operating for 100 years. The board is comprised of University faculty and students. As Illini Media's publisher and general manager, I attend board meetings along with student directors from the company's units to discuss the company's current issues in relation to its bylaws. Board members hire the student managers who run our various business units that include the Illio, The Daily Illini, WPGU, the Buzz and sales."

-Lil Levant, Publisher and General Manager

ILLINI MEDIA BOARD

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Row 1 Jill Disis, Daily Illini Editor in chief, Danielle Lessing, Student sales manager, Dylan Sutcliff, buzz Editor in chief, Lauren Whalley, Illio Yearbook Editor in chief, Megan Reilly, Technograph Editor in chief. **Not pictured** Erik Hasenberg, WPGU Program director, Justine Braun, the217.com Producer.





THE DAILY ILLINI



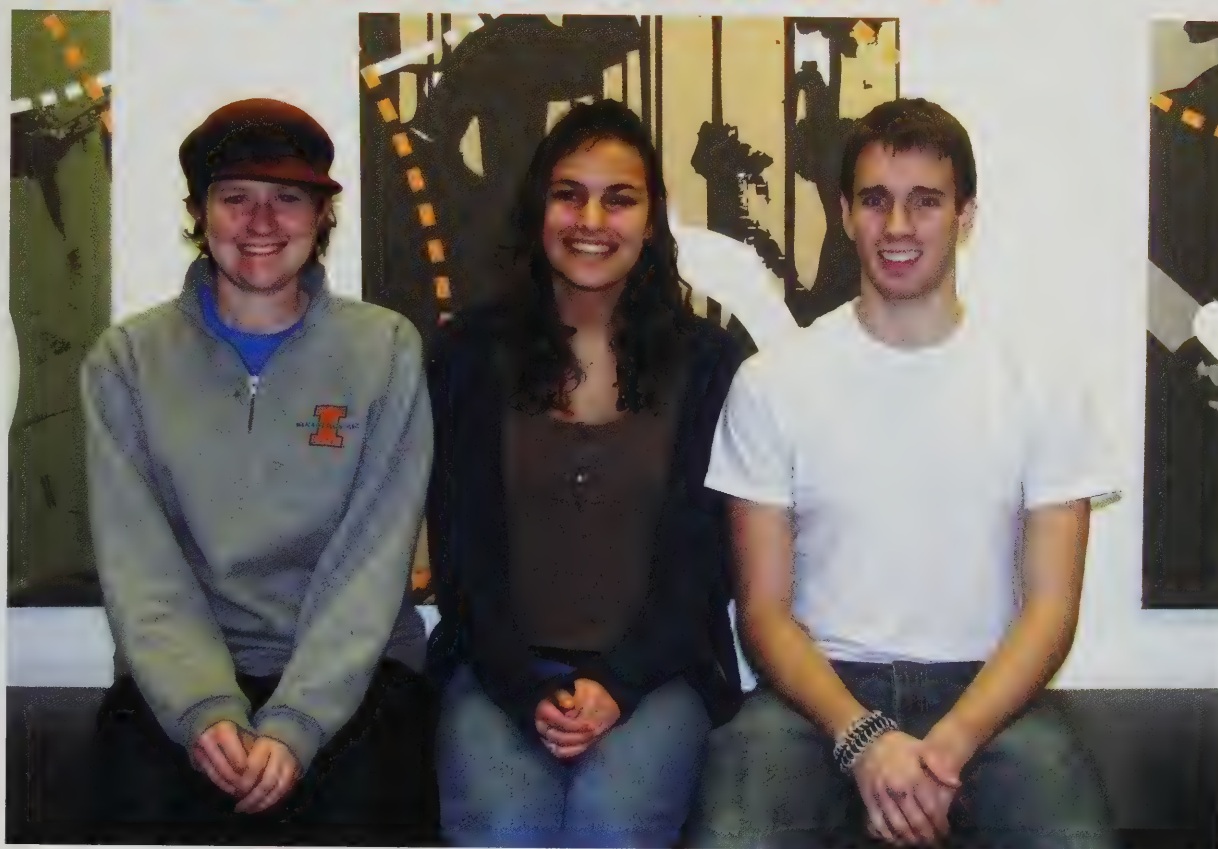
Row 1 Hannah Meisel, Sam Kargol, Matt Petruszak, Taylor Goldenstein, Brynn Twait, Rosie Powers, Jill Disis, XiXi Tian, Daryl Quitaig **Row 2** Nathaniel Lash, Kevin Kaplan, Stephen Vasquez, Thomas Thoren, Danny Weilandt

"The Daily Illini produces a newspaper five days a week covering campus and community news, sports and entertainment. We also air a newscast on WPGU at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, host several other specialty shows on air and operate dailyillini.com 24/7." -Jill Disis, Editor in chief

READ ALL ABOUT IT



TECHNOGRAPH



Row 1 Megan Reilly, Amanda Steelman, Brian Kennedy

"Technograph is UIUC's first and foremost science, engineering, and technology magazine. We produce issues about anything and everything that a tech-savvy student might find important or interesting while always keeping a strong focus on entertainment." -Megan Reilly, Editor in chief

TECH SAVVY

BUZZ



Row 1 Emily Siner, Amy Harwith, Adam Barnett. **Row 2** Carrie McMenamin, Dylan Sutcliff, Sean O'Connor, Olivia LaFaire, Joseph Lewis, Peggy Fioretti, Jessica Bourque, Nick Martin, Drew Hatcher.



"buzz is the arts & entertainment paper for Champaign-Urbana. We cover everything that's happening in C-U, from new restaurants to the music scene to local fairs." -Dylan Sutcliff, Editor in chief

WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT?



"The217.com department compiles event information and creates a community website including blogs, articles, photos, and other event information for Champaign/Urbana."

-Justine Braun, the217.com Producer

ONLINE ALL THE TIME

THE217.COM



Row 1 Mandy Blackburn, Justine Braun, Lauren Jason, Christina Bongabong



WPGU 107.1 FM



Row 1 Joanna Nowak, Jeremy Van. **Row 2** Kenji Nanto, Sonia Kuriawan, Eunice Yu, Molly Fremgen, Natalie Wontorczyk, Joe Winner. **Row 3** Shing Huei, Denise Ortega, Maddie Rehayem, Brady Salz, Kelly Durkin, Ayla Sitzes, Ashley Kordik, Monica Inglot, Kirsten Wells, Denni Dahlfors, Lindsay Prossnitz, Liz Koh, Courtney Yuen, Emily Waldron. **Row 4** Kelly Ferry, Elena Davis, Gino Diittorio, Mike Nauheimer, Alex Sheridan, Kyle Rogers, Dana Taylor, Kirby Platt. **Row 5** Carolyn Underhill, Dee Modrowski, Erika Harwood, John Clishem, Shaun Dolan, Colin Griffith, Desmond Shuford, DJ Placek, Bill Hinderman, Abby Saunders, Aubrey Morse, Pete Rizzo. **Row 6** Stan Polanski, John Meehan, David Ellis, Danny Zillmer, Jon Harden, Tom Anderson, Will Meister, Bryan Foland, Joe Sargia, Andrews Morrison, Erik Hasenberg.

"WPGU 107.1 offers the best in Alternative music around the clock. While having specialty programming throughout the week that focuses on other specific genres, WPGU is also the only commercial radio station in the market to play local artists. WPGU is student operated on every level including production, engineering, and marketing and manned 24/7, never automated or voicetracked." -**Erik Hasenberg, WPGU Program Director**

LIVE FROM THE STUDIO

"The Illini Media Street Team is a group of energetic students who promote everything that Illini Media has to offer. We also help local businesses by brainstorming and executing events and marketing campaigns in order to draw more people into their business. You can find us doing anything from handing out 'swag' on Green Street to running around in a gorilla suit on the Quad." -**Amanda Nieman, Street Team Coordinator**

LOUD AND PROUD

STREET TEAM



Row 1 Erin Heraty, Ashley Anderson, Jamie Berg, Sarah Adell, Christina Cernauske, Jack Dunigan.
Row 2 Caleb Bryant, Patrick Kelley, Eric Valin, Hollie Lewandowski, Henry Aguillon, Amanda Nieman, Adriana Popovich.



CREATIVE WORKS



Row 1 Adam Mastrangeli, Tanner Mei, Abbey Delinger. **Row 2** Cassandra Tu, Denise Castaneda.
Row 3 Mary Fran Wiley, Deb Sosnowski, Kit Donahue.

"Once the advertising staff sells an ad, the order gets sent over to us in Creative Works. The design staff then works to create a vision for the advertisement before it is created and placed into the paper for production. The overall goal is to create a unique persona for each advertisement, which will cause companies to increase their exposure and continue to advertise with us.

-Adam Mastrangeli, Production Assistant

THE CREATIVE SIDE

"No organization runs without a support system and the business office provides administrative support to Illini Media Company and all its units. The business office handles all accounting, human resource and financial responsibilities of Illini Media. We employ four to six students each year who typically major in accounting or business." -**Melissa Pasco, Business Director**

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS SERVICES



Row 1 Caitlin Heller. Row 2 Deb Sosnowski. Row 3 Amber Allen.

CLASSIFIEDS



Row 1 Colleen Budd. **Row 2** Hannah Ryan, Sarah Durham, Joe Piwowarczyk, Kristina Ciaglia.
Not pictured: Nora Sintos, Eric Russell, Mary Alex Japczyk, Lydia McGuire, Kristy Cvetkovic, Mel Cornell, Gordon Agunobi.

"The Classifieds Department sells classified ads for The Daily Illini and Buzz. We manage the advertising accounts for University of Illinois departments and student organizations."

-Sarah Durham, Classifieds Sales Manager

SAY IT IN 50 WORDS

"The Illini Media sales department is comprised of Classifieds, Print and Radio sales representatives. We all work together to sell advertising space for The Daily Illini, Buzz Magazine, WPGU 107.1 FM, Technograph, all Illini Media websites, as well as flyering and events. Our student sales team is an amazing group of people dedicated to seeing Illini Media succeed for years to come."

-Danielle Lessing, Student Sales Manager

MAKING SALES

SALES



Row 1 Kate Russell, Melissa Lutz, Nick Jones, Danielle Lessing, Paige O'Neil. **Row 2** Mike Auerbach, Bryan Emanuel, Jesus Gamboa, Nick Baratta, Molly Lannon, Craig Melhuse **Not pictured** Anthony Schultz, Daniela Valdez.

ILLIO YEARBOOK



Row 1 Lauren Jackson, Zack Chan, Shannon Buckley, Crystal Smith, Katie Chrzanowski, Taylor Reed, Lauren Whalley. **Row 2** Latifah Al-Hazza, Yoon hwa Shin, Sarah Feinberg, Diana Stomski, Charissa Kim, Jenny Crawford, Emily Bayci. **Row 3** Hanbo Shim, Michael Laccabue, Robert Holly, Christine Nicholson, Monica Behrmann, Hannah Johnson.



"The Illio Yearbook is the official record of the University. The Illio captures campus life by featuring academics, athletics, student life and campus traditions. The Illio also spotlights registered student organizations in the 'Groups and Greeks' section and the graduating class with senior pictures."

-Lauren Whalley, Editor in chief

MAKING MEMORIES



FIGHTING ILLINI ATHLETICS

CHEERLEADING



Row 1 Kayla Weintraub, Neva Sanfilippo, Alyssa Wichmann, Jordyn Adler, Abby Esker, Staci Clabough, Kristin Kennedy, Alexandra Anton. **Row 2** Madeline Dardanes, Devon Cramer, Alexandra Pierce, Courtney Kramer, Julia Kidd, Emily McLaughlin, Emily Weber, Kailey Ackermann, Jacquelyn Dimonte, Stephanie Lee. **Row 3** Luke Schubert, Joey Zajcew, Scott Ward, Eric Cornell, Brandon Buchanan, Christopher Burke, Kyle Brownfield, David Winters, Max Wichmer. **Not Pictured** Austin Blessman, Olivia Hogren.

GYMNASTICS



Row 1 Michael Wilner, Cameron Rogers, Jordan Valdez, Cole Smith, Vince Smurro, Josh Wilson, Alex Varga, Nick Sacramento, Andrew Margolis, C.J. Maestas. **Row 2** Tyler Mizoguchi, Devin Regan, Kyle Moe, C.J. Padera, Max Portocarrero, Paul Ruggeri, Yoshi Mori, Malcolm Brown, Chad Mason, Anthony Sacramento, Austin Phillips. **Not Pictured** Jacob Tilsley.



Row 1 Gabriella Nguyen, Sunny Kato, Sarah Fiedler, Alina Weinstein. **Row 2** Kelsey Joannides, Hannah Welker, Elizabeth McNabb, Kelsi Eberly. **Row 3** Elise Gill, Nikki McGarel, Jaclyn Kantecki, Amber See, Jordan Naleway, Macy Hyatt

FOOTBALL



Row 1 Terry Hawthorne, Nathan Scheelhaase, Tavon Wilson, Jon Davis, Pat Nixon-Youman, Reilly O'Toole, Steve Hull, Donovan Young, Josh Ferguson, Darrius Caldwell, Hayden Daniels, Supo Sanni, Brandon Denmark, A.J. Jenkins, Trulon Henry, Chase Haslett, Brandon Clear, Ryan Lankford, Derek Dimke, Sean McGushin, Sean Anderson, Miami Thomas, Zepheniah Grimes, Darius Millines, Miles Osei, Fred Sykes, Justin DuVernois, Jeremy Whitlow. **Row 2** Kenny Knight, Jack Ramsey, Fritz Rock, Jason Ford, Nick Forzley, Ben Mathis, Bud Golden, Earnest Thomas, Justin Green, Taylor Zalewski, Eaton Spence, Ronald Stewart, Troy Pollard, Valdon Cooper, Kaeman Mitchell, Peter Bonahoom, Houston Bates, Nick North, Ean Days, K.J. Picard, Alex Porter, Jay Prosch, Austin Abner, Ian Thomas, Beau Sullivan, Matt LaCasse. **Row 3** Zach Becker, Ralph Cooper, Austin Teitsma, Jonathan Brown, Zak Pedersen, Glenn Foster, Henry Dickinson, Chris Willett, Alex Hill, Rich Kersten, Justin Staples, Shawn Afryl, Kevin Griffin, Kenny Nelson, Tim Kynard, Tony Durkin, Tyler Sands, Nate Swanson, Josiah VanderHeyden, Scott McDowell, Jake Feldmeyer, Simon Cvijanovic, Ted Karras, Corey Lewis, Jeff Allen. **Row 4** Hugh Thornton, Jack Cornell, Michael Heitz, Patrick Flavin, Graham Pocic, Craig Wilson, Spencer Harris, Jake Kumerow, Anthony Williams, Eddie Vilunas, Matt Eller, Jordan Frysinger, Drew Anderson, Whitney Mercilus, Tim Russell, Justin Lattimore, Evan Wilson, DeJazz Woods, Mark Sullivan, Chris O'Connor, Akeem Spence, Jake Howe, Wisdom Onyegbule, John Valentine, Michael Buchanan. **Row 5** Nicole Stephens, Student Athletic Trainer; Kara Dasso, Student Athletic Trainer; Mike Stoller, Student Athletic Trainer; Emily McArdle, Student Athletic Trainer; Rachel Ervin-Korte, Student Athletic Trainer; Irving Gonzalez, Student Athletic Trainer; Mike Brown, Video Student Assistant; Patrick Rux, Video Student Assistant; Jessica Dentino, Video Student Assistant; Matt Harvey, Video Student Assistant; Ross Puent, Video Student Assistant; Kevin Abrams, Student Assistant; Jason Schroeder, Student Manager; Josh Ok, Student Manager; Guillermo Blanco, Student Manager; Tyler Nelson, Student Manager; Frank Renardo, Student Manager; Stu Sutton, Student Manager; Nate Minarich, Student Manager; Kevin Downey, Student Manager; Kevin Klemm, Student Manager; Cory Harbor, Academic Counselor, Jeff Guin, Academic Counselor. Nick Lucie, Student Manager; Mike Reu, Student Manager; Kevin Klemm, Student Manager; Scott Newman, Student Manager; Matt White, Student Manager; Kevin Downey, Student Manager; Jim Ruther, Student Manager; Kevin Abrams, Student Assistant; Marcellus Casey, Team Chaplain; Father Ken Hummel, Team Chaplain; Nate Minarich, Student Manager; Tiffany Webb, Student Manager; Troy Glenn, Student Manager; Tyler Nelson, Student Manager; Jason Schroeder, Student Manager; Tony Buyniski, Assistant Video Director; Jessica Denton, Video Student Assistant; Kurt Thorsen, Video Student Assistant; Ross Puent, Video Student Assistant. **Row 6** Whitney Hayes, Operations Graduate Assistant; Annie White, Academic Counselor; Carla Suber, Learning Specialist; Elizabeth Gehrt, Assistant Recruiting Coordinator; Alyssa Sandoval, Recruiting Graduate Assistant; Nicole Anderson, Administrative Assistant; Shari Atwell, Administrative Assistant; Peter Princi, Strength and Conditioning Assistant; Justin Harrison, Strength and Conditioning Assistant; Steve Sigler, Strength and Conditioning Assistant; Kolby Jackson, Offensive Quality Control Graduate Assistant; Jason Epperson, Team Chaplain; Assistant Football Video Director Adam Kazmierczak; President Michael Hogan; Dr. Robert Gurtler, Head Team Physician; Dr. Jeff Kyrouac, Team Physician; Chris Brown, Assistant Athletic Trainer; Brett Taylor, Athletic Training Graduate Assistant; Jim Halpin, Assistant Athletic Trainer; Emily Bromiel, Team Nurse; Linda Lenover, Team Nurse; Father Greg Ketcham, Team Chaplain; John Birdsell, Assistant Equipment Manager; Steve Starwalt, Equipment; Tim Osterbur, Truck Driver; Mike Reu, Equipment. **Row 7** Tony Buyinski, Football Video Director; Adrian Melendez, Assistant Athletic Director/Football Operations; Jon Carvin, Offensive Graduate Assistant; Chip Long, Tight Ends; Jeff Brohm, Quarterbacks; DeAndre Smith, Running Backs; Paul Petrino, Offensive Coordinator/Receivers; Joe Gilbert, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line; Ron Zook, Head Coach; Vic Koenning, Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers; Keith Gilmore, Defensive Line; Ron West, Outside Linebackers; Mike Gillhamer, Secondary; Byron "Bam" Hardmon, Defensive Graduate Assistant; Lou Hernandez, Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach; Trent Chesnut, Head Football Equipment Manager; Nick Richey, Head Football Athletic Trainer.

BASKETBALL

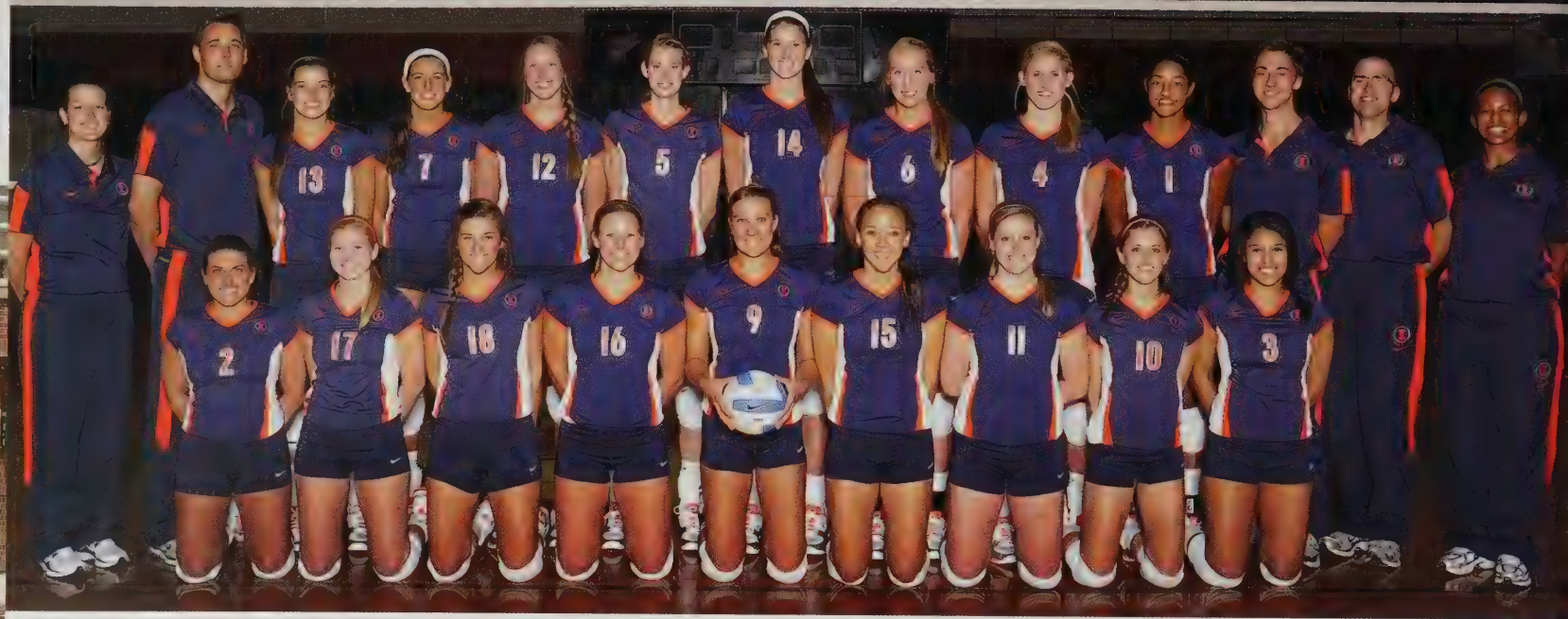


Row 1 Video Coordinator Chester Frazier, Strength and Conditioning Coach Jimmy Price, Kevin Berardini, Tracy Abrams, Joseph Bertrand, Brandon Paul, Sam Maniscalco, D.J. Richardson, Crandall Head, Jean Selus, Athletic Trainer Al Martindale, Director of Basketball Operations Sean Harrington. **Row 2** Assistant to the Head Coach Gary Nottingham, Assistant Coach Jay Price, Associate Head Coach Wayne McClain, Myke Henry, Tyler Griffey, Nnanna Ekwu, Meyers Leonard, Ibby Djimde, Devin Langford, Mike Shaw, Head Coach Bruce Weber, Assistant Coach Jerrance Howard.



Row 1 Nia Oden, Eboni Mitchell, Assistant Coach Usha Gilmore, Assistant Coach Lisa Cermignano, Head Coach Jolette Law, Assistant Coach Michael Peck, Assistant to the Head Coach Diane Hobin, Athletic Trainer Paul Schmidt, Lydia McCully, Ivory Crawford. **Row 2** Alexias Smith, Macie Blinn, Taylor Tuck, Kersten Magrum, Kierra Morris, Lana Rukavina, Karisma Penn, Alexis Burke, Adrienne GodBold, Amber Moore, Centrese McGee

VOLLEYBALL



Row 1 Rachel Feldman, Hannah Deterding, Courtney Abrahamovich, Tayler Onion, Jessica Jendryk, Jazmine Orozco, Annie Luhsen, Jackie Wolfe, Jennifer Beltran. **Row 2** Assistant Coach Jen Oldenberg, Head Coach Kevin Hambly, Ali Stark, Jocelynn Birks, Erin Johnson, Anna Dorn, Liz McMahon, Michelle Bartsch, Colleen Ward, Morganne Criswell, Assistant Coach David Kniffin, Athletic Trainer Randy Ballard, Volunteer Assistant Jen Fry.

WRESTLING



Row 1 Matt Ruettiger, Jesse Delgado, Tucker Armstrong, Dominic Olivieri, Andrew Nyland, Daryl Thomas, Caleb Ervin, Brandon Lopez. **Row 2** Tyler Lepretre, Martin Smith, Jeff Koepke, Eric Terrazas, B.J. Futrell, Kyle Dooley, Conrad Polz, Nico Jimenez, Guy Kirby. **Row 3** Adam Acheson, Dan Stelter, Logan Arlis, Jake Gingerich, Jordan Blanton, Brendan Mahaney, Jackson Morse, Matt Nora. **Row 4** Joe LaManna, Chris Lopez, Matt McCarter, Pat Walker, Evan Ellsworth, Tony Dallago, Mario Gonzalez.

TRACK



Row 1 Hunter Mickow, Sam Telfer, Jim Riddle, Jordan Hebert, Cody Webster, Phil Pompei, Tommy King, Anthony Manfrin, Zebo Zebe, Steve Monte, DJ Zahn, Karl Borgsmiller, Joe McAsey, Volunteer Coach Michael Allio, Volunteer Assistant Coach Charles Burton. **Row 2** Distance Coach Gavin Kennedy, Branden Tanthavong, Ryan Lynn, Brandon Stryganek, Colin Mickow, David Eckhart, James Davenport, Nathan Troester, Blaze Galardy, Jade Ackerman, Josh Zinzer, Ian Barnett, Maurice Watkins, Nathan Loe, Head Coach Mike Turk, Assistant Coach Adrian Wheatley. **Row 3** Volunteer Assistant Sprint Coach Sterling Roberts, Nic Haab, Paul Zeman, Chris DeSilva, Cody Wisslead, Alex Baldwin, Matthew Bane, Ryan Michel, James Sullivan, Lukas Looby, Cody Klein, Andrew Riley, Tom Achtien, Mark Donohue. **Row 4** Assistant Coach Mike Erb, Dan Kremske, Brett Einbecker, Stanley Azie, Shawn Ledbetter, Gary Ford, Brett Ramirez, Graham Farnsworth, Nathan Bohne, Timothy Gaumer, Ben Dodds, Corey Hammon, Kyle Engnell, Davis Fraker



Row 1 Rachel Irion, Mariah Smith, Maria Scheet, Kawanna Brooks, Elizabeth Eitzen, Natalie Wynn, Meghan Frigo, Meghan Murphy, Courtney Yaeger, Head Coach Tonja Buford-Bailey. **Row 2** Volunteer Coach Kelly Washington, Breeana Coleman, Kayla Smith, Moriyike Akinosun, Colette Falsey, Britten Petrey, Volunteer Assistant Coach Tiara Armstrong, Alyssa Schneider, Stephanie Brown, Melissa Schmidt. **Row 3** Jayla McArthur, Casey Miller, Alexndria Smith, Ashley Kelly, Morgan Wood, Samantha Murphy, Da'Sha Patton, Michelle Stratton, Amber Stack, Hannah Worman, Katherine Rack, Lela Dimonte. **Row 4** Volunteer Assistant Coach Chantelle Groenewoud, Ryisha Boyd, Vicky Pavlov, Megan Majors, Kelsey Seiler, Stephanie Richartz, Kelsey Kovac, Nicole Desmarais, Kristen Wilson, Amanda Duvendack, Assistant Coach Jeremy Rasmussen. **Row 5** Assistant Coach Mike Erb, Jesica Ejesleme, Latoya Griffith, Asia Thomas, Chloe Schmidt, Katie Porada, Jazjuan Wallace-Sipp, Ashley Spencer, Stephanie Morgan, Marissa Golliday, Kendall McCaugherty, Volunteer Assistant Coach Adam Bray.

SOCCER



Row 1 Head Coach Janet Rayfield, Stephanie Pouse, Noelle Leary, Marissa Mykines, Jackie Guerra, Julie Ewing, Vanessa DiBernardo, Athletic Training Assistant Carly Hagler. **Row 2** Assistant Coach Leisha Alcía, Shayla Mutz, Christina Farrell, Katie Reed, Megan Pawloski, Allie Osoba, Nicole Denenberg, Athletic Training Assistant Lindsey Katz. **Row 3** Assistant Coach Jeff Freeman, Marissa Holden, Mackenzie Taylor, Niki Read, Jenna Carosio, Jannelle Flaws, Aliina Weykamp, Athletic Trainer Carrie McKiddy. **Row 4** Team Manager Andrew Hassiepen, Caitlin Dombart, Megan Green, Steph Panozzo, Lauren Parkin, Lizzi Sanscrainte, Cassidy Brown, Kristen Gierman, Athletic Trainer Brittany Gillenwater.

GOLF



Row 1 Luke Guthrie, Thomas Pieters, Mason Jacobs, Alex Burge. **Row 2** Brian Campbell, Ross Frankenberg, John Gullberg, Jonathan Hauter.



Row 1 Samantha Sloan, Hailey Koschmann, Nora Lucas, Michelle Mayer, Ember Schuldt. **Row 2** Crystal Smith, Jacqueline Calamaro, Katelin Dilger, Kaitlyn Wampler, Pimploy Thirati, Maureen Liddy.

SWIMMING AND DIVING



Row 1 Diving coach Chris Waters, Kayla Dlugopolski, Erika Murphy, Kathleen Knight, Emily Fung, Emily Wilkinson, Katie Roeing, Britni Fisher, Erin Rodriguez, Head coach Sue Novitsky. **Row 2** Anne Goering, Megan Marchuk, Sarah Coady, Caitlin Conroy, Keri Eberhardt, Emma Williams, Alexa Chavez, Callan McDermott, Erin Lamb, Kristen Manias. **Row 3** Alyssa Toland, Andrea Baumgartner, Alyssa Petruzzello, Tessa Adams, Erica Lynn, Sabrinne Gibson, Marin Thompson, Kim Kalenda, Kelly Kunkel, Rachel Japp Joyce. **Row 4** Courtney Pope, Torrey Loper, Hailey Booth, Brittany McGowan, April McKee, Cara Chuang, Alison Meng, Andrea DeAngelis, Darragh McDermott, Mary Beth Howard, Jessica Holz.

CROSS COUNTRY



Row 1 Head Coach Gavin Kennedy, Colin Mickow, David Eckhart, Tommy King, Jim Riddle, Jordan Heibert, Anthony Manfrin, Nathan Troester, Ian Barnett, Hunter Mickow, Volunteer Assistant Head Coach Michael Allio. **Row 2** Joe McAsey, Tom Achien, Sam Telfer, Chris DeSilva, Dan Kremske, Graham Farnsworth, Kyle Engnell, Mark Donohue, Paul Zeman, Phil Pompei, Cody Webster.



Row 1 Stacy Hague, Melissa Schmidt, Stephanie Brown, Meghan Frigo, Natalie Wynn, Megumi Hoshi, Meghan Murphy, Rachel Irion. **Row 2** Undergraduate Assistant Coach Chantelle Groenewoud, Katherine Rack, Madeline Aufmann, Kendra Kennedy, Alyssa Schneider, Michelle Stratton, Colette Falsey, Britten Petrey, Meagan Hynes. **Row 3** Head Coach Jeremy Rasmussen, Stephanie Morgan, Katie Porada, Chloe Schmidt, Kelsey Seiler, Hannah Worman, Courtney Yaeger, Amber Stack, Assistant Coach Adam Bray.

BASEBALL



2011 team photo* Row 1 Davis Hendrickson, Brandon Hohl, Bill Barrett, Ryan Arrick, Reid Roper, Pat Sheehan, Josh Parr, Matt Milroy, Pete Cappetta. Row 2 Student athletic trainer Aaron Walker, student athletic trainer Kara Dasso, Chris Pack, Brian de la Torriente, Rob McDonnell, Justin Parr, Alex Lincoln, Matt Dittman, Lee Zerrusen, Thomas Lindauer, Nick Chmielewski, strength and conditioning coach Ryan Marker, manager Matt Carlson. Row 3 Associate head coach Eric Snider, head coach Dan Hartleb, Bill Charvat, Kevin Johnson, Adam Davis, John Anderson, Luke Joyce, Corey Kimes, Wes Braun, Bryan Roberts. Row 4 Athletic trainer Jim Halpin, Drasen Johnson, Thomas Shelton, Will Strack, Kelly Norris-Jones, Tyler Hamer, Willie Argo, Casey McMurray, Ronnie Muck, assistant coach Ken Westray, volunteer assistant coach Drew Dickinson, equipment manager John Birdsell.

*2012 team photo was not available before the book was published.

SOFTBALL



Row 1 Jessica Davis, Shelese Arnold, Jami Schkade, Alex Booker, Jenna Mychko, Kelley Wedel, Nikki Simpson. Row 2 Jess Perkins, Danielle Vaji, Kayla Tyler, Stephanie Cuevas, Jackie Guy, Meredith Hackett, Linnea Detrick, Pepper Gay, Brittany Sanchez.

TENNIS



Row 1 Chelcie Abajian, Breanne Smutko, Amy Allin, Misia Kedzierski, Rachael White, Julia Jamieson, Melissa Kopinski, Allison Falkin, Marisa Lambropoulos.



Row 1 Associate head coach Marcos Asse, Roy Kalmanovich, Farris Gosea, Stephen Hoh, Tim Kopinski, Dennis Nevolo, Bruno Abdelnour, Ross Guignon, head coach Brad Dancer.



Chapter members pose in front of the chapter house during a break from Recruitment Week.



LEFT- ADPi hosts the Pancake Dinner to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities. Chapter members welcome guests for an evening of delicious food and lots of fun.

Year founded: 1851 at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia
 U of I founding date: March 28, 1912
 Address: 1202 W. Nevada St., Urbana, IL
 Symbols: Diamonds, Violets
 Nickname: ADPi
 Colors: Azure Blue and White

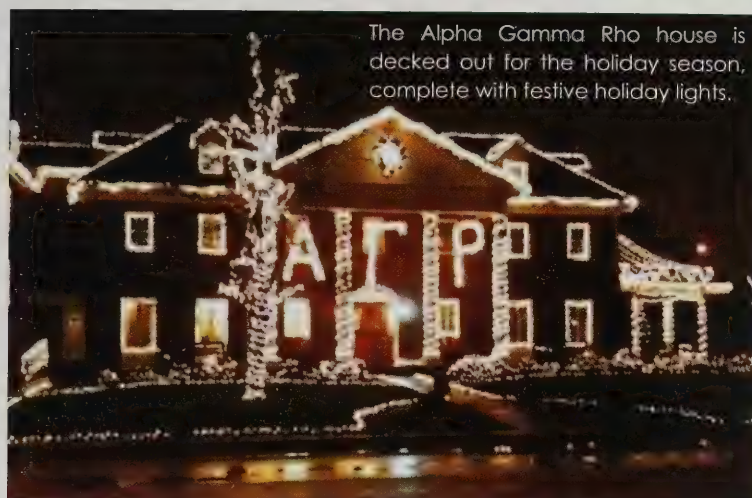
"Looking back on these past four years, my best memories come from ADPi. I can't imagine college without these women." -**Brianna Anderson**, senior in LAS and Chapter President 2010-11

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ALPHA GAMMA RHO

Year founded: 1904 at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio
U of I founding date: 1906 (Alpha)
Address: 58 E. Gregory Drive, Champaign, IL
Symbols: Crescent, Sickle, Sheath
Nickname: Aggers
Colors: Green & Gold

"Becoming a member of Alpha Gamma Rho has been one of the best decisions that I have ever made. Through this organization, I have been able to prepare myself for a career in agriculture and to develop a network of friends that will last me a lifetime. I will always remember the good times that I had with all of my AGR brothers."
-Jeff Carls, senior in ACES



The Alpha Gamma Rho house is decked out for the holiday season, complete with festive holiday lights.



Seniors and juniors getting ready for the Christmas party.



Aggers are champions of the Gamma Phi Beta Kickball Classic.



"I love Engineering Council because of the diversity of opportunities that it offers. We work on a multiplicity of projects from small to large, serious to whimsical. We also have the opportunity to give back to our campus and local communities in a meaningful and impactful way. What makes EC exceptional is the people involved. I have the distinct pleasure of working with 16 other board members, over 100 committee members and around 80 Engineering societies and their members. My daily interaction with these creative, smart and insightful people is what makes Engineering Council fun for me. Additionally, we work very closely with the College of Engineering administration and our relationship with our College is marked by constructive dialogue and mutual respect."

-Anando Naqui, senior in Engineering and Engineering Council Vice President



ENGINEERING COUNCIL

Year founded: 1923
U of I founding date: 1921
Address: Engineering Hall 103c,
1308 W. Green St., Urbana, IL
Nickname: EC
Colors: Orange & Blue

Engineering Council hosts a wide variety of events throughout the year, each of which provides students the opportunity to gain leadership skills, develop professionally and grow academically. Some of the events EC hosts are the Engineering Open House, Engineering EXPO, leadership workshops, Engineers-Week, academic and professional workshops, and service events.



TOP- The Engineering Quad displaying the E-WEEK logo.

CENTER- Elena Antonakos, Anando Naqui and Ron Meyer pose for a photo during an E-WEEK event.

LEFT- The Engineering Council SITE committee. SITE is responsible for hosting an annual event that welcomes high school students to campus and gives them the opportunity to learn more about Engineering at Illinois.

CENTER LEFT- Engineering Council members re-paint a US map at Dr. Howard Elementary school during 2011 iHelp.

BOTTOM LEFT- The Alma Mater statue sported the E-WEEK logo between Feb. 19 and Feb. 25, 2012. E-WEEK is a week devoted to celebrating the accomplishments of engineers.



PANHellenic COUNCIL

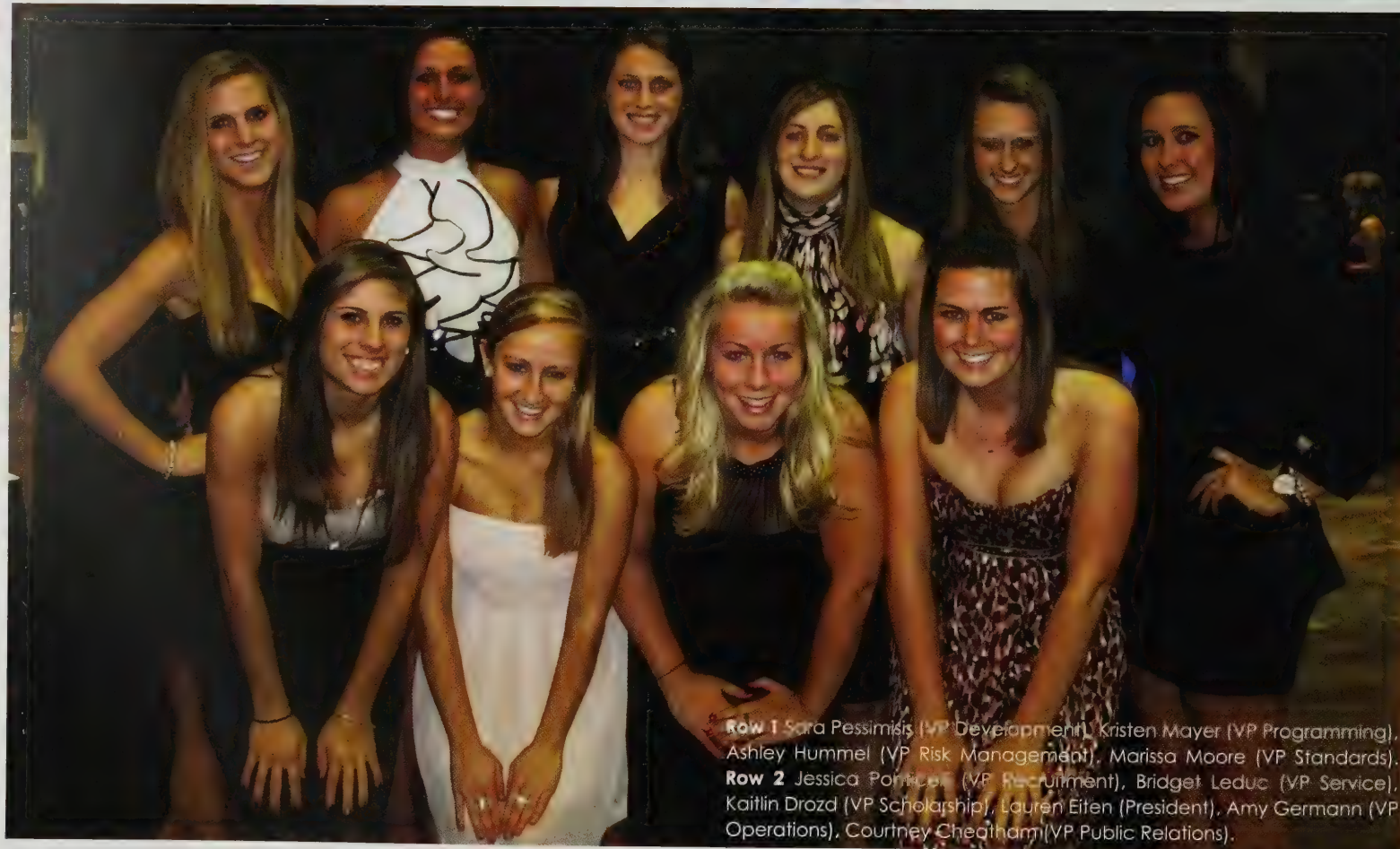


Row 1 Marissa Moore (VP Standards), Amy Germann (VP Operations), Jessica Ponticelli (VP Recruitment), Mike Berkson, Kristen Mayer (VP Programming), Sara Pessimis (VP Development), **Row 2** Courtney Cheatham (VP Public Relations), Ryan Gierl (VP Standards - IFC), Kaitlin Drozd (VP Scholarship), Bridget Leduc (VP Service), Jim Wamnach, Matt Schipp (VP Communication - IFC), Lauren Eiten (President), Matt Kirby (Executive VP - IFC), Ashley Hummel (VP Risk Management), Kevin Hayek (VP Service - IFC).



The 2011 Executive Board poses in front of President Hogan's house after a luncheon.

Year originally founded: 1902 in Chicago
Address: 610 E. John St., Champaign, IL
Symbol: Duck
Nickname: Beta Beta Beta
Colors: Navy Blue & Maroon



Row 1 Sara Pessimis (VP Development), Kristen Mayer (VP Programming), Ashley Hummel (VP Risk Management), Marissa Moore (VP Standards), **Row 2** Jessica Ponticelli (VP Recruitment), Bridget Leduc (VP Service), Kaitlin Drozd (VP Scholarship), Lauren Eiten (President), Amy Germann (VP Operations), Courtney Cheatham (VP Public Relations).

Panhellenic Council governs Illinois' 24 National Panhellenic conference and associate sororities. It promotes scholarship, sisterhood, leadership, diversity, social advancement and service through monthly programming events. These events include speakers, blogs, self-defense workshops, Greek Oscars, Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes and ice skating.

"Panhellenic Council means pride in the Greek community that we are a part of. No matter what various chapter we all may be in, Panhellenic Council brings our 3,000 women together under the same pillars of sisterhood, scholarship, service and leadership."
-Amy German, senior in Business and VP of Operations for Panhellenic Council

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon represent their chapter during the Walk-a-Mile-in-Her-Shoes event on the Quad. The event is to raise awareness for The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence.



2011 Executive Board. Row 1 Ryan Giertz (VP Standards), Danny Miller (VP Recruitment), Matt Schnipp (VP Communications) Row 2 Tim Veldman (VP Membership Development), Tim Mueller (President), Kevin Hayek (VP Service) Row 3 Matt Kirby (Executive VP), Dylan Herman (VP Risk Management)

Year originally founded: 1911
Address: 610 E. John St.,
Champaign, IL

The Interfraternity Council is responsible for governing one of the world's largest Greek communities. The IFC currently oversees 46 chapters with more than 3,400 members, and seeks to promote the common values of scholarship, brotherhood, and service.

"I have a passion for making a difference in the Greek community and IFC is a great way for me to do this."

-Sam Moore, freshman in Business and Executive Vice President

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

ILLINOIS STUDENT SENATE

The 8th Assembly of the Illinois Student Senate.



Executive Board Members
Jackson Garvey, Frank Niu,
David Pileski and Sam Barghi
with President Hogan.

The Illinois Student Senate serves as the "official voice of the student body" and as such meets weekly on Wednesdays to discuss issues of students. Beyond weekly general meetings, twelve committees are formed that have their own meeting schedule to work on a number of projects for students. This year the ISS hosted the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Student Body, held safety forums, an LGBT community event, a campus lighting walk, a study break party, an advocacy day in Springfield and many other fun and educational programming opportunities. This year the ISS also hosted the Association of Big Ten Students student government conference in January.

"The Illinois Student Senate has engaged and targeted my interest in community and governmental affairs. True change can be achieved if we educate and mobilize young voters to act on their interest. I have been a part of the creation and maintenance of our Fall Advocacy Day, where we travel to Springfield in order to discuss issues important to students and the university to our elected officials. ISS has been the reason I could advocate on behalf of students to members of the county board, city councils, and general assembly."

-Shana Jo Harrison, junior in LAS and LAS Senator, Junior CGA Chair

AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION

Members gather for a group shot at the annual Ugly Sweater Skating Party. Holiday parties, barcrawls, and an annual barndance provide members with an opportunity to meet other sociable students interested in advertising.



Illinois students pose for pictures at the AAF Student Conference in Washington, D.C. In addition to attending the conference, students had the chance to tour the city and watch ABC's "This Week with Christiane Amanpour" being produced. Members also took trips to San Diego, New York and Chicago.

AAF Illinois provides an unmatched opportunity to immerse students in the advertising industry. The largest of all chapters in the nation, AAF connects students with the industry through recruitment events and professional development events such as the annual etiquette dinner. Perhaps more importantly, a packed schedule of philanthropy and social events give students a chance to give back and interact in the name of advertising.

"I've always enjoyed the people surrounding me in AAF. The positive energy of members is contagious and a familiar face is always found at events. More importantly, AAF has given me tools and experiences that will help me succeed in a competitive advertising industry."

-Maggie Regan, senior in Media

ALPHA PHI OMEGA



APO Brothers volunteering at Champaign Pre-K Fall Festival 2011.

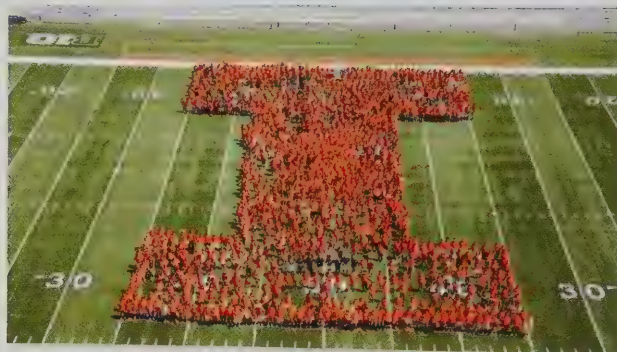


"Few organizations make as great of an impact as Alpha Phi Omega. With more than 400 members our organization manages to do more than 10,000 hours of service a semester not only for our chapter, but for our campus, community and country. In my time in APO, I've been given the opportunity to give back to the campus community in ways that have helped define my Illinois experience. The lessons I've learned have helped me realize ways to engage myself and be an effective contributor to society. I consider the brothers of this chapter my close friends, and I know that as we each go on our different paths in life we will remember to always be a leader, be a friend, and be of service." **-Matt Abtahi, senior in LAS**

STUDENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS



SAA members pose for a picture after a successful Homecoming 2011 Kickoff on the Quad.



The Class of 2015 create a block "I" at Memorial Stadium as part of SAA's Illinois Sights and Sounds event to welcome the newest Illini.

"Student Alumni Ambassadors is an amazing group of leaders on campus, who bring their unique personalities together with their similarities of leadership and love for our University to make a difference to students and alumni. The friendships made in this organization, as well as the leadership opportunities presented upon joining, have allowed my college experience to be better than I could have hoped for. My time at Illinois would not be the same without this special organization." -**Abbey Storey, junior in Education**



PHS Exec Board, left to right. Katie Clausing (Special Programming), Michelle Bolos (Membership), Kate Poorbaugh (President), Sean Peters (Secretary), Tabitha Atkin (Treasurer), Megan Leonard (Exec Pro Temp), Meghana Joshi (President).

PHS Annual Curtis Apple Orchard Trip.

Row 1 Sean Peters, Meghana Joshi, Anna Mangia

Row 2 Neil Vohra, Megan Leonard, Tabitha Atkin, Jinal Patel, Katie Clausing, Tay Koz



PRE-LAW HONORS SOCIETY

U of I founding date: 2009
Symbols: Orchid, Owl
Nickname: PHS: The Order of Prospective Lawyers
Colors: Burgundy & White

"Being a part of PHS has been an invaluable experience for me. It really helped me to prepare for law school and pursue my passion for law. I know that the network I have developed in PHS will be a valuable asset for my future career." -**Kate Poorbaugh, senior in Business and 2011 President of PHS**



SigKaps at Delta Tau Delta's philanthropy Ballina

SIGMA KAPPA

Year originally founded: November 9, 1874 at Colby College in Waterville, Maine
 U of I founding date: 1906
 Address: 303 E. John St., Champaign, IL
 Symbols: Heart and Dove
 Nickname: SigKap
 Colors: Maroon and Lavender

The purpose of Sigma Kappa is to provide women lifelong opportunities and support for social, intellectual, and spiritual development by bringing women together to positively impact our communities. The Sigma Kappa philanthropies include gerontology, with a focus on Alzheimer's disease, Maine Sea Coast Mission and Inherit the Earth. Each year our work towards these philanthropies include a taco dinner that benefits Alzheimer's research, a donation of clothing and supplies for the Maine Sea Coast Mission and several campus clean-up projects.

"Sigma Kappa sorority to me means upholding ladylike and sisterly values. Being a part of this organization has given me a strong support system, taught me to be a better leader, and has given me many fun memories. I have truly developed long lasting friendships through Sigma Kappa and am proud to be part of a great organization."

-Brianna Tucker, junior in ACES and 2011 Social Chair

TOP LEFT- SigKaps at Hollywood themed Bid Night 2011
 TOP RIGHT- Sigma Kappa's Formal Recruitment Fall 2011
 CENTER- Sigma Kappas at Grinch dance
 BOTTOM- Sigma Kappa Formal 2011



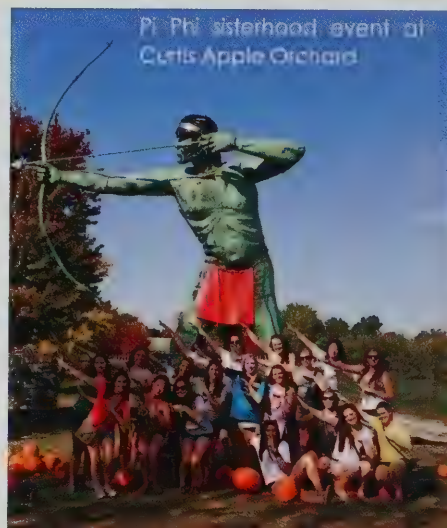
2011-2012 4-H House Ladies

4-H House is a cooperative sorority. The main goals of 4-H are to strengthen the bonds of friendship, develop a spirit of unity among members, promote scholastic interest, maintain an enriching home with a lower cost, and provide social opportunities. 4-H is very active in supporting their philanthropy, Journey, which raises money for police cameras to keep repeat drunken drivers off the road and keep loved ones safe.

4-H HOUSE

PI BETA PHI

Pi Beta Phi prides itself on philanthropic service. Pi Phi raises money for First Book, an organization that supports literacy efforts across the country, by raising money through 5Ks, cook-outs, and flag football tournaments. Members of Pi Phi also read to second grade students weekly to promote literacy in the local Champaign community. Pi Phi not only promotes their philanthropy but also helps the Greek community support their philanthropies by attending their many fun events. Pi Phi is an active chapter of amazing women who love to be social and involved at the University.



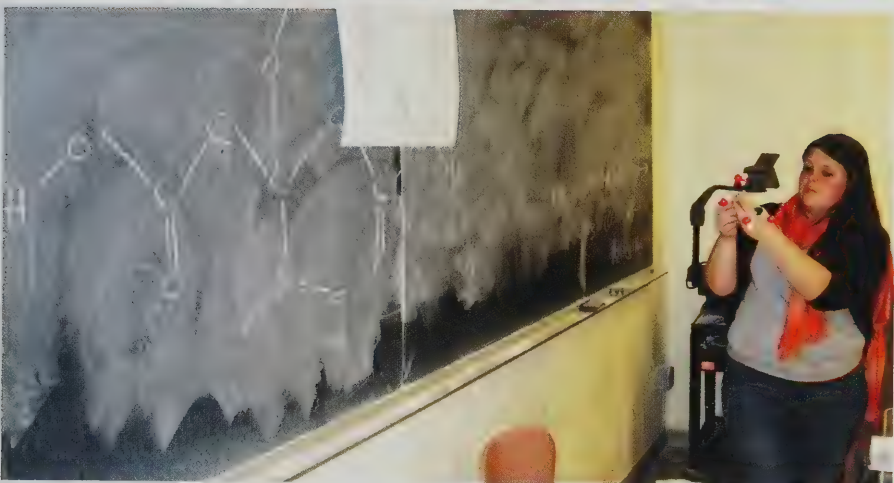
Members and friends of the University Baptist Church pose outside the church building on a beautiful Sunday morning.

"University Baptist Church has been a group that quickly adopted me into their community and has actively encouraged me in my faith since I started attending there. I am excited for every Sunday morning, and it doesn't just stop there. There are several fun events throughout the semester, as well as service or outreach events. We are united in Christ, and we desire to share God's love with others around us. Part of what attracts me to UBC is that most of the leadership is in the hands of the students, which allows for more participation and bonding. Being able to serve and be a member of the church has made me feel more integral. UBC has definitely been a blessing to me." —Curtis Peterson, senior in Engineering



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CAMPUS GIRL SCOUTS



Campus Girl Scouts provides a fun atmosphere for college students to make new friends and gain leadership experience. Each semester, the organization plans and runs a themed educational event for local Girl Scouts, which is paid for by proceeds from their annual cookie sale. This year's themes are: science, technology, engineering and mathematics and music. Social activities include trips to Curtis Orchard, pumpkin carving, making gingerbread houses, and movie nights.

"CGS has been a great experience for me at the U of I. From my first meeting the close-knit welcoming atmosphere has drawn me in. With the group, I have had many wonderful experiences from cooking pie iron pizzas on an open campfire to navigating a corn maze, or learning a new board games. As treasurer for two years, I got to truly see the amount of preparations put into the events we host; I just hope the scouts enjoy attending as much as I have enjoyed teaching them." -**Stephanie Ashton, senior in Media.**

TOP- Campus Girl Scouts pose at a meeting to plan their fall semester event for younger scouts, called STEM Divas. From left: Stephanie Ashton, Vivian Robison, Jennifer Lang, Molly Hamilton. Not pictured: Theresa Lee, Lisa Straub, Morgan Boes, Melanie Torbuch

LEFT- CGS member Lisa Straub teaches girls about molecular structure at the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Divas fall event held Dec. 3.



Zhongmou Gu, Iris Zhang, Nicole Mathes, Badia Saed, Max Norris, Jay Riggins, Ran He, Zach Ferguson, Yuhang Wang, Josie Stoner, Danni Sun, Julie Pascoe, Siyao Li, Nicole Gibbons, Meghana Moodabagil, Casey Escatel, Kristin Griswold, Anna Gottfryd

LAS Council, with the support of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, serves the LAS student body by providing guidance, addressing student issues and increasing student involvement within the college. LAS Council members serve on decision-making College committees, foster communication among LAS students and between the students and administration, and feature speakers, and address special topics for discussion.

LAS COUNCIL

BUSINESS COUNCIL

Business Council is a large, diverse organization in the College of Business. It offers a variety of activities to students with an interest in business, ranging from resume writing workshops and peer advising to helping organize graduation ceremonies, Homecoming festivities, and the Career Fair. In order to accomplish the large scope of activities, the Council is divided into committees and each committee plans and organizes their respective events.



BC Exec 2011 at Fall 2011 Info Night
Lauren Lilak, Billy Tabrizi, Kyla Kelly, Michelle Perry, Jamieson Gray, and Brianna Baker.

ILLIDELL



The men of IlliDell of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

Year founded: 1923 at University of Missouri
in Columbia, Missouri

U of I founding date: 1949

Address: 303 E. Chalmers St., Champaign, IL

Symbol: Plow

Colors: Silver & Blue

IlliDell is active in various clubs and organizations both in the College of ACES and throughout the University. In addition, IlliDell holds a philanthropy dinner every semester to benefit Ag in the classroom.

"IlliDell has allowed me to make lifelong friendships, and countless memories. It has allowed to improve my leadership, academic, and social skills. If given the chance I would do it all over again."

-Josh Wollin senior in ACES



IlliDell's Chicken Wing Philanthropy Dinner.

U of I founding date: 1905
 Symbols: Quill
 Nicknames: Alpha Xi, A Xi D
 Colors: Double Blue and Gold

Alpha Xi Delta takes part in philanthropy events benefiting Autism Speaks, a non-profit organization focused on Autism awareness. As a chapter, Alpha Xi Delta hosts "Xi Marks the Spot," which is a 5K scavenger hunt across campus. This fall, the chapter co-hosted a philanthropy barbeque with Theta Xi and proceeds went to Autism Speaks and the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. The women of Alpha Xi Delta partook in several sisterhood events, namely Zumba at the ARC, pottery painting, and a trip to Curtis Apple Orchard.

Senior sisters pose in front of the Alpha Xi Delta house as they treasure their last year of participation in Formal Recruitment together.



ABOVE- The newly initiated Alpha Xi Delta 15s.

CENTER- Alpha Xi Delta sisters (left to right) Celeste Niemann, Melanie Demos, Sarah Randle, Stephanie Phillips, Jessie Choate, Laura Gill and Olivia Dolleton displayed their amazing dancing abilities during the entertainment round of Formal Recruitment.



The whole chapter welcomes the new member class of 2015 on Bid Day in front of the Alpha Xi Delta house.

ALPHA XI DELTA

Reigan Massey sells hot chocolate with her pledge daughter Rachel Williamson to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Chi Omega sisters all dressed up for formal.



Getting excited before the first day of recruitment.



The new pledge class is welcomed home by the entire chapter.

CHI OMEGA

Year founded: 1895
U of I founding date: 1900
Symbols: Owl, Skull & Cross Bones
Nickname: Chi Os
Colors: Cardinal and Straw

"Chi Omega is one of the only places I feel like I actually belong. I feel so lucky to be a part of something so unique. I love that everyone is so different and I learn so much from everyone everyday. It is amazing how much each girl has grown to care for each other in the past few months. It is unlike any experience I have ever had. I can wholeheartedly say that this semester so far would have been so hard for me if I did not meet the girls in Chi Omega. In just three months Chi Omega has had a huge impact on my life and I cannot imagine what the future will bring. I feel so loved by all of the girls and there are no words to describe how much I care for each member of Chi O."

-Noelle Africh, freshman in LAS

Year founded: February 19, 1852
 U of I founding date: November 18, 1904
 Address: 911 S. Fourth St., Champaign, IL
 Symbols: Shield, Jacqueminot Rose
 Nickname: Phi Psi
 Colors: Hunter Green, Cardinal Red

Phi Kappa Psi prides itself on its strong philanthropic presence at the University of Illinois. The fraternity participates in events such as the Urbana Sweet Corn Festival and Illini Summer Opportunity Organization. When not volunteering Phi Psis attend other Greek life events on campus and various exchanges with sororities.

"Phi Kappa Psi has undeniably taught me how to be a true gentleman in every aspect of my life. This fraternity has improved my education, solidified my career, and expanded my network well beyond my expectations. I have formed life long bonds here that could not be found anywhere else." -**Paulius Dragunas**, junior in Engineering

Brothers Oscar Grajeda and Joey Rodriguez pose for a picture during block held with Sigma Delta Tau sorority.



PHI KAPPA PSI



Brothers decorated the Phi Kappa Psi house during the holiday season.



ABOVE- Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi volunteer in the annual Sweetcorn Festival held in Urbana. This event exemplifies Phi Kappa Psi's national motto of "the great joy of serving others."

LEFT- Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi pose after initiation. Thirty new brothers were initiated on Jan. 21.



Year originally founded:
1914 at University of Illinois &
University of Michigan
Address: 1108 S. First St.,
Champaign, IL
Symbol: Three-pronged rake
Nickname: Archis
Colors: Blue & Red



ALPHA RHO CHI

The Anthemios Chapter is one of the founding chapters of Alpha Rho Chi, a national co-ed fraternity for students of architecture and the allied arts. Members participate in professional events, such as visits to architectural firms in Chicago. Rock for Humanity is the most successful philanthropy event and benefits Habitat for Humanity. APX also has a social calendar full of old and new traditions. The chapter is constantly expanding and aiming to activate creative talent, professional networking and social interaction.



The brothers of APX keeping it classy at the Alpha Rho Chi house.

Year originally founded: December 10, 1869 at University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia
U of I founding date: October 15, 1891
Address: 212 E. Daniel St., Champaign, IL
Nickname: Kappa Sig
Colors: Scarlet, white & emerald green

The Alpha Gamma chapter of Kappa Sigma hosted a successful homecoming this year to commemorate 100 wonderful years at the 212 E. Daniel house. Alumni from six different decades came to celebrate the occasion. Kappa Sigs also became even more involved in philanthropy and service this year, hosting two blood drives with the Red Cross, cleaning up Daniel Street for Adopt-A-Highway, and helping rebuild a church in Champaign.

"Being a brother in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity over the past four years has greatly enriched my college experience. The principles of fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service that are instilled upon us from day one have continuously inspired me to become a well-rounded man. Our house has stood at 212 E. Daniel for 100 years, and in that time it has sent men to every corner of the globe on their way to becoming executives of Fortune 500 companies, military leaders, and elected officials. I can think of no better supplement to a college education than membership in Kappa Sigma." -**Michael Kuntz, senior in LAS**

Brothers of Kappa Sigma with new house sign.



KAPPA SIGMA

W.O.R.D.

Founded by Kenneth Thompson and Abril Edwards in 2009, Writers Organizing Realistic Dialect (W.O.R.D.) upholds a mission that consists of promoting, engaging, as well as publicizing all writers and performers to the University of Illinois campus. The executive members stand to enforce positivity to all members of the organization in exposing all artists to the community while keeping the importance of original craftsmanship in effect. W.O.R.D. prides itself on being a diverse organization composed of poets, spoken word artists, singers/songwriters, lyricists, rappers, actors, comedians and playwrights. The motto, "You can Never Go Wrong When It's Write" serves to respect writers alike, their essential purposes and the bridge that connects us all together—words.

"W.O.R.D. has given me a creative outlet where I'm surrounded by others who share the same passions as I do. Through a stimulating and fun environment, I'm allowed to genuinely be myself through my use of words." **—Treyvon "T-SAEB" Green, freshman in LAS**



Executive Board



All members of W.O.R.D. performing

PHI ETA SIGMA



Phi Eta Sigma volunteers stand with the women's basketball team and local elementary school children during the iPlay event as part of iHelp during Homecoming weekend.

Phi Eta Sigma freshman honors society offers members many activities including philanthropy and service events to give back to the local community, social events to get to know fellow members and tutoring for both University of Illinois students and local schools. Phi Eta Sigma has also long since contributed the most donations out of any other campus organization for Relay for Life in the spring.

"Phi Eta Sigma has given me countless opportunities to meet new students here while doing a wide variety of activities. It has been a great way for me to get involved and experience more of Champaign than just the campus."

—Kaitlyn Hull, junior in Business and 2011 president

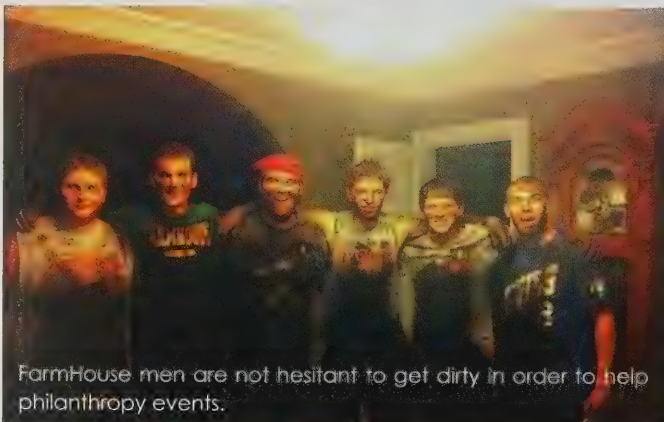


Phi Eta Sigma members pose before competing in the 5K race to raise money for the Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana.

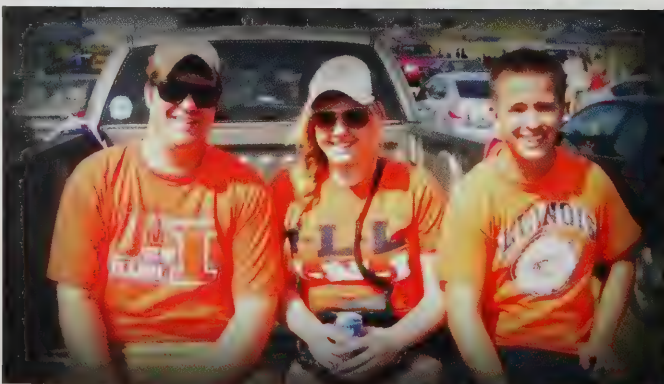
FARMHOUSE



The active chapter of the University of Illinois FarmHouse fraternity.



FarmHouse men are not hesitant to get dirty in order to help philanthropy events.



FarmHouse fraternity hosts a block for every home football game.



Seniors of the Illinois FarmHouse fraternity (from left to right) Wayne Gehrke, Samuel Moses, John Ulbricht, Nick Urish, Michael Benson, Brian Nelson, Jacob Prather, Nicolas Dearwester, Jared Brown and Brian Papp.

Year originally founded: 1905 at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri
 U of I founding date: 1914
 Address: 809 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Champaign, IL
 Nickname: Frames
 Colors: Green, Gold and White

FarmHouse men have been very active on campus and in the community during the past year. During the fall members attended multiple exchanges, football block and barndance. On campus FarmHouse men have become leaders in many RSOs, while also remaining active in philanthropy events. Additionally FarmHouse hosted dinners for faculty and local firemen. Through these events and others the University of Illinois FarmHouse Chapter has lived up to their motto of "Builder of Men."

ILLINI UNION BOARD

Members posing at the IUB Volunteer Banquet.



The Illini Union Board not only provides great events for campus, but is also a way for students to feel a sense of belonging. The Illini Union Board is a group of students, faculty, and staff volunteers who provide cultural, educational, social and recreational programs for students, staff and guests of the university. They provide thousands of programs and services such as Illinites, lectures, concerts and programs promoting campus traditions.

"IUB has provided me with resources to become a leader as well as a chance to meet inspiring people and lifelong friends." -**Hollie Lewandowski, senior in LAS and 2011 president.**



Row 1 Chaya Sandler, Molly Fremgen, Paul Brezinski, Ariel Fuller, Anil Hussain. **Row 2** Mitchell Paglia, Blazej Szymoniak, Melanie Matlock, Tolu Taiwo, Robert Marshall, Hollie Lewandowski, Kenneth Thompson.

Crystal Ramirez, freshman in LAS, smiles as she waits for her caricature at Illinites, hosted by the Illini Union Board, on Jan. 20.

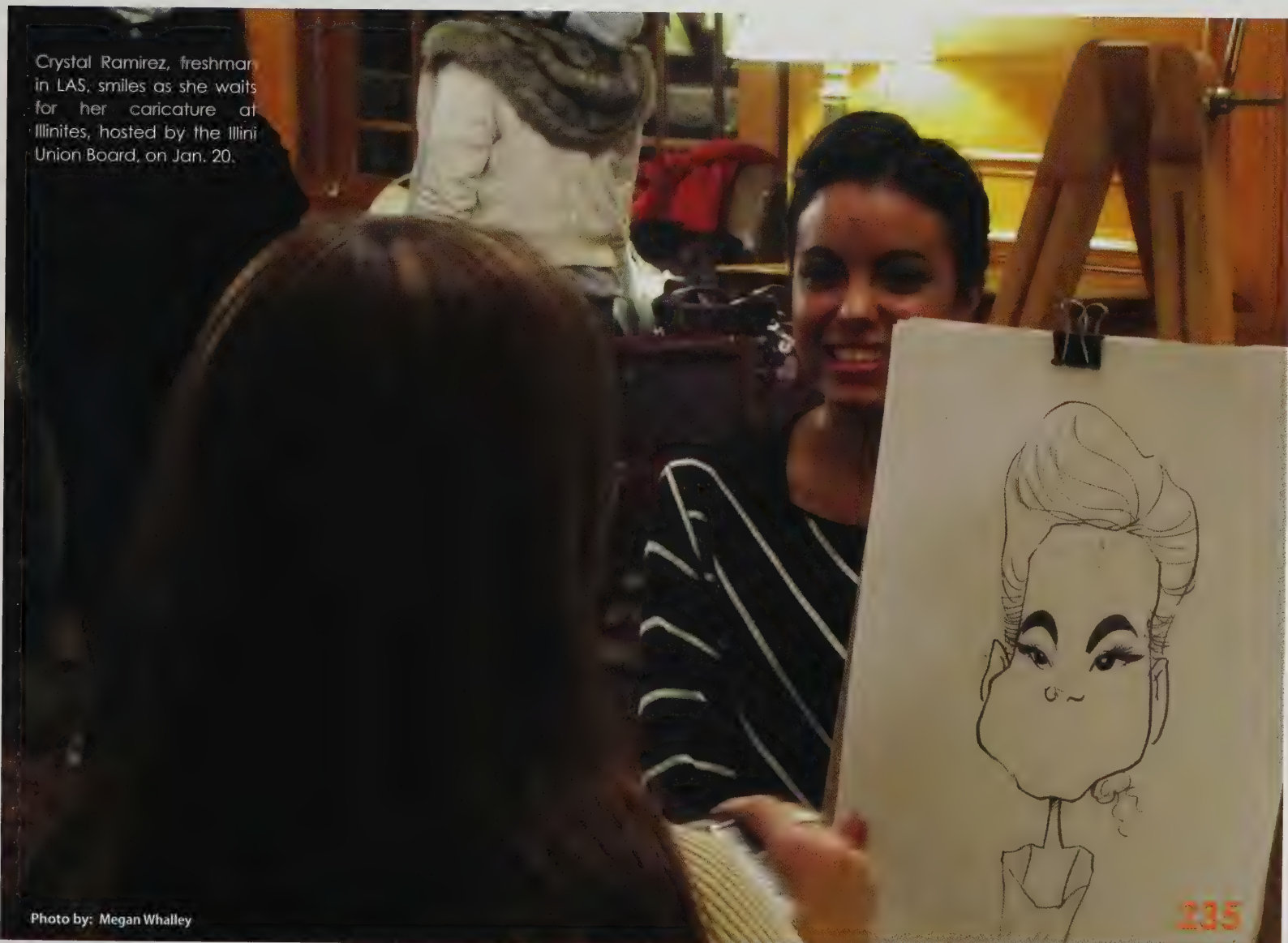



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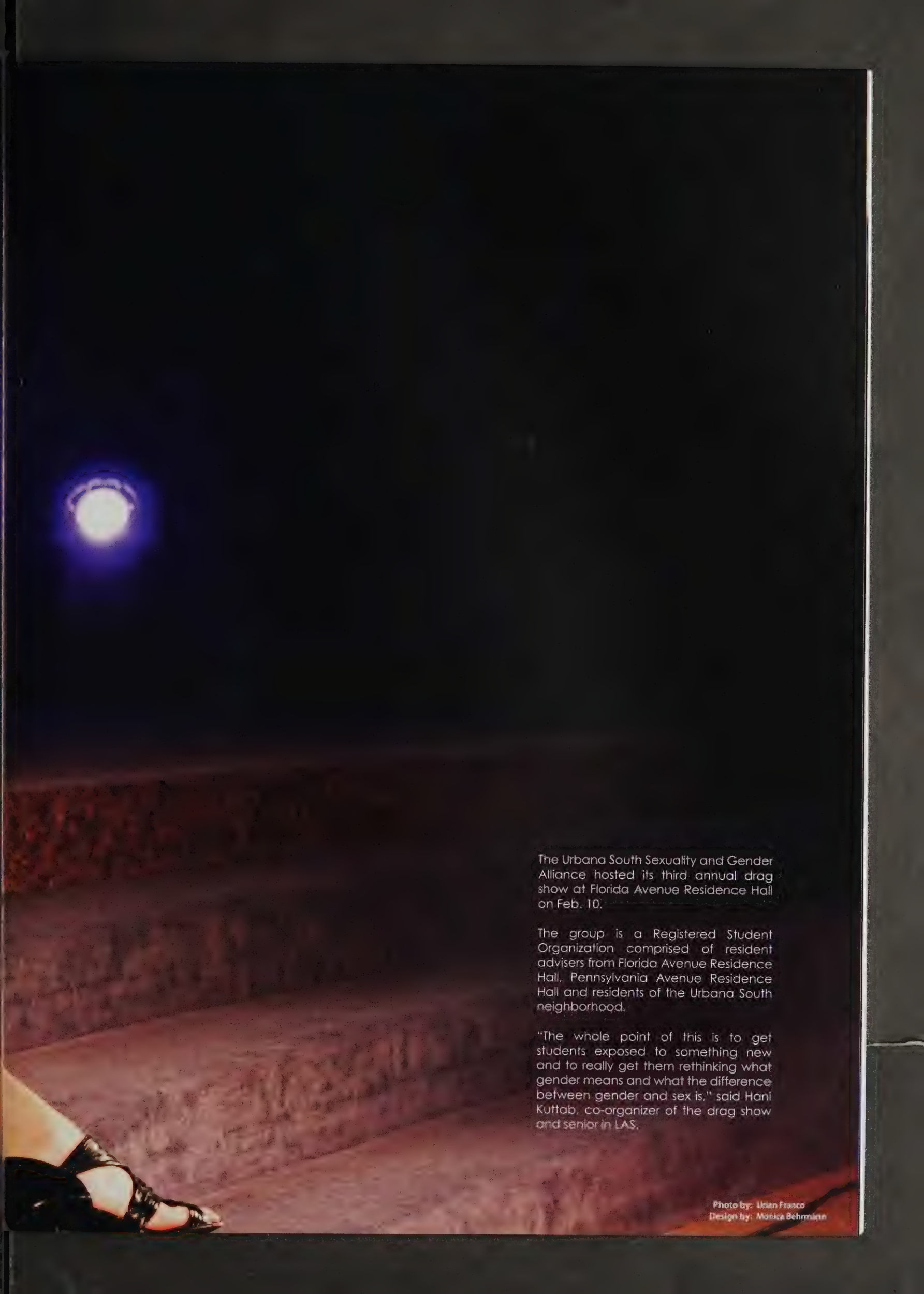


Ryan Kim, freshman in LAS and Taecheon Kim, junior in LAS, fill out a menu at the newly remodeled Mia Za's Cafe on Green Street. Mia Za's burned down in a fire last March, along with the clothing store Pitaya and Zorba's Restaurant. The restaurant reopened after extensive renovations on Feb. 20.



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The Urbana South Sexuality and Gender Alliance hosted its third annual drag show at Florida Avenue Residence Hall on Feb. 10.

The group is a Registered Student Organization comprised of resident advisers from Florida Avenue Residence Hall, Pennsylvania Avenue Residence Hall and residents of the Urbana South neighborhood.

"The whole point of this is to get students exposed to something new and to really get them rethinking what gender means and what the difference between gender and sex is," said Hari Kuttab, co-organizer of the drag show and senior in LAS.

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Gajan Sivakumaran, a law school student, cooks his chili chicken soup as part of Campus Recreation's Instructional Kitchen series at the ARC on Feb. 15.



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SENIOR PORTRAITS

An individual's final year of college is momentous because it signifies not only the end of the era, but the beginning of a new life. Once seniors leave Illinois, they enter the real world, taking the lessons they learned over the past few years and applying them to whatever real-life situations they may find themselves in as alumni.

Graduates celebrate after receiving their degrees during the College of Education's commencement in Huff Hall on May 15, 2011.



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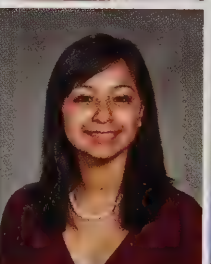
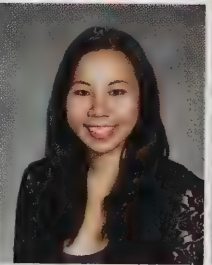
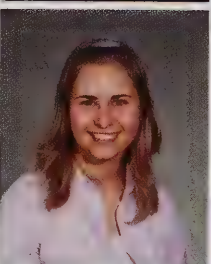
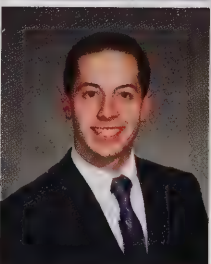
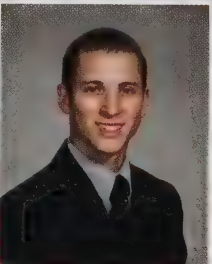
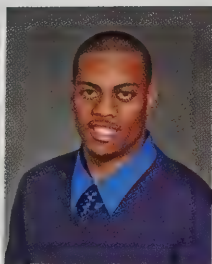
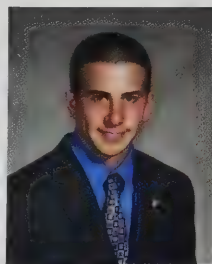
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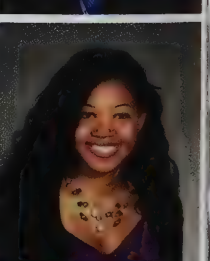
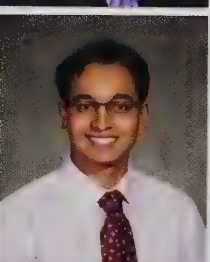
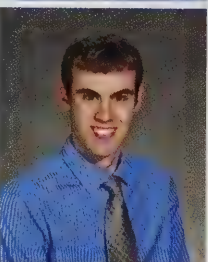
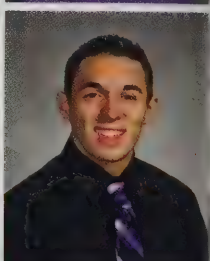
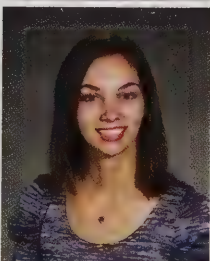
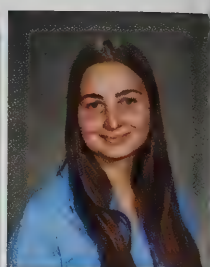
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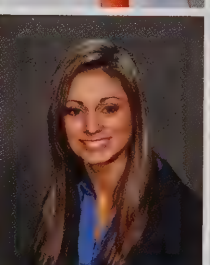
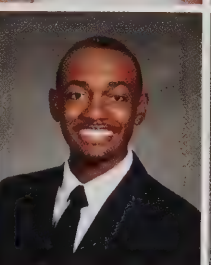
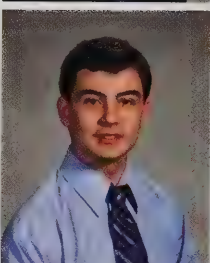
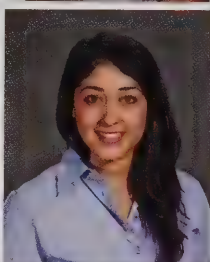
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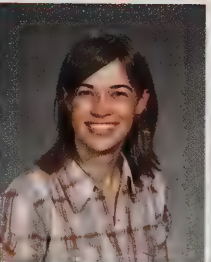
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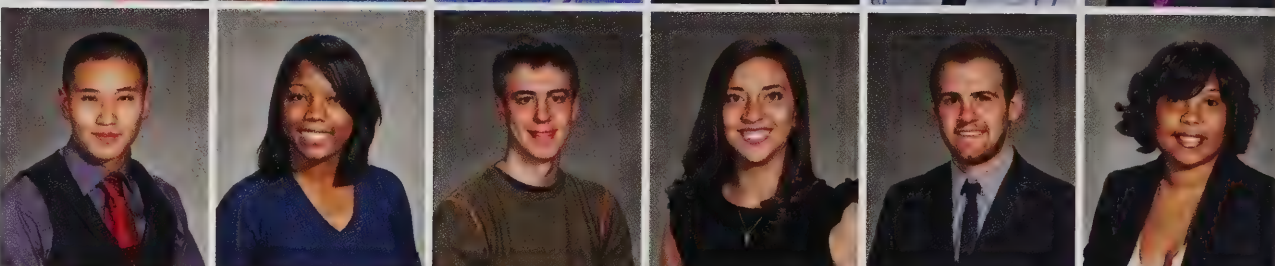
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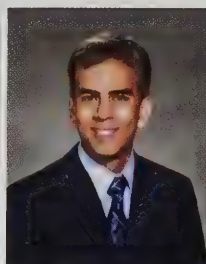
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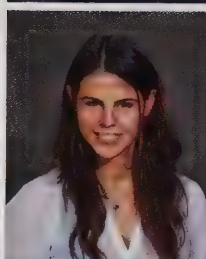
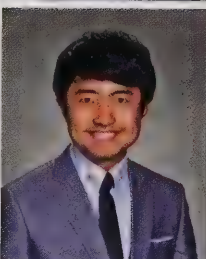
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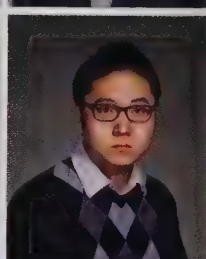
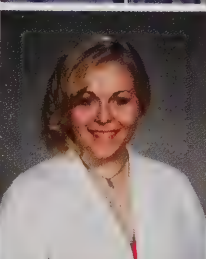
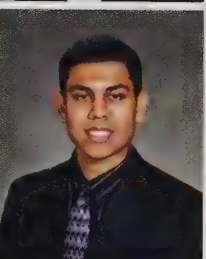
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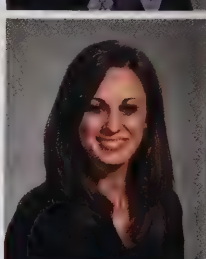
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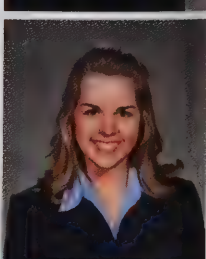
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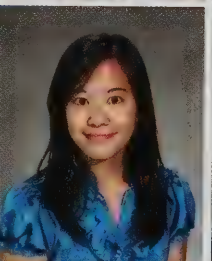
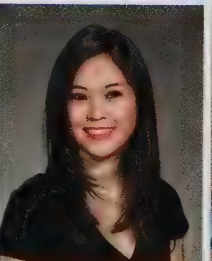
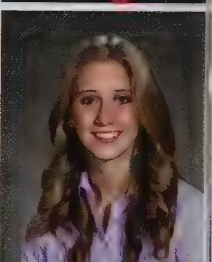
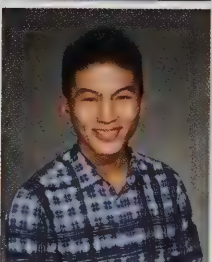
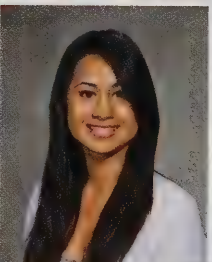
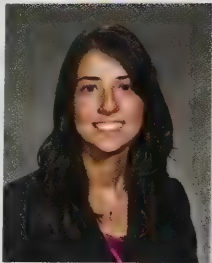
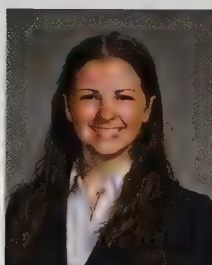
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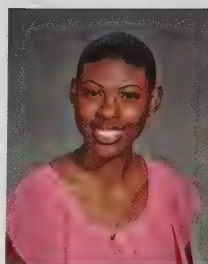
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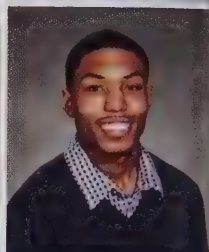
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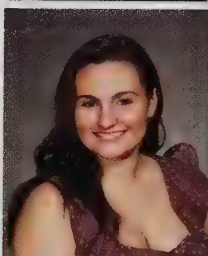
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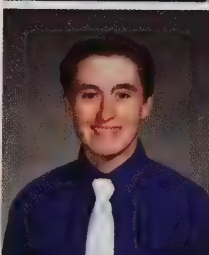
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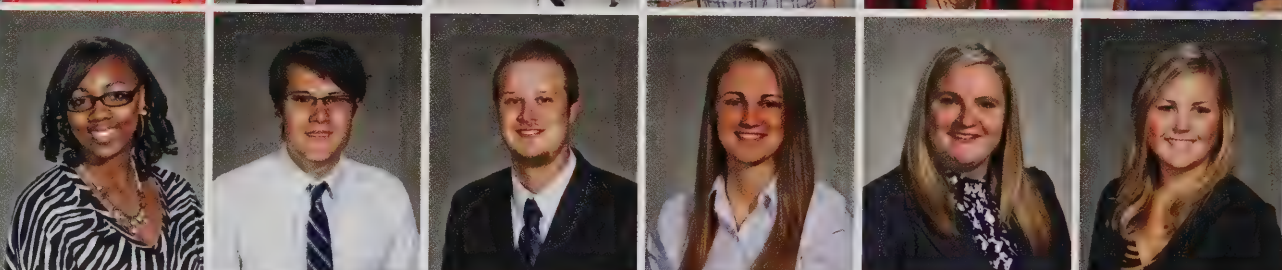
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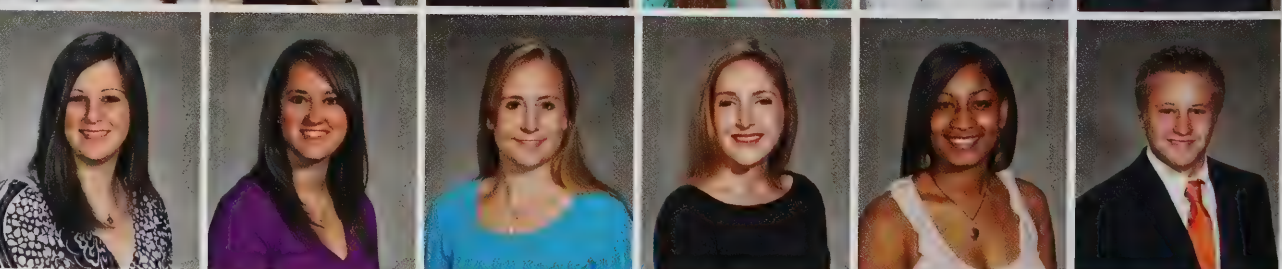
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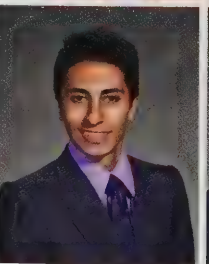
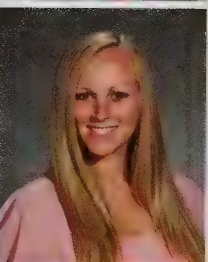
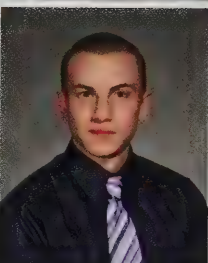
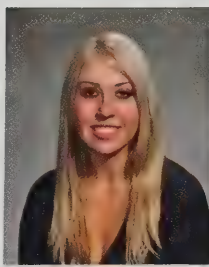
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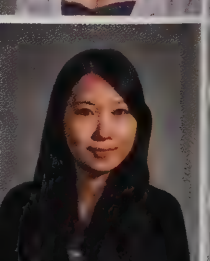
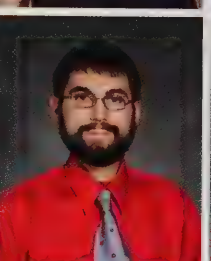
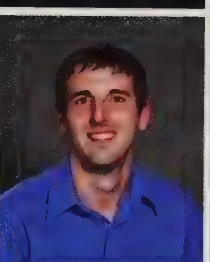
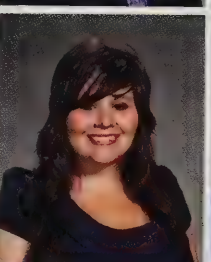
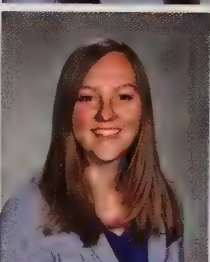
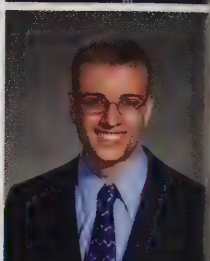
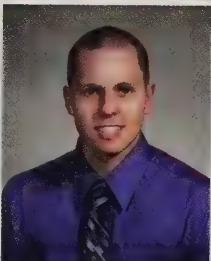
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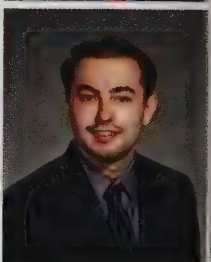
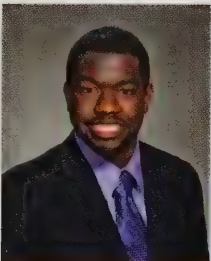
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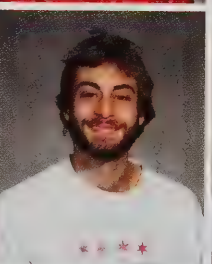
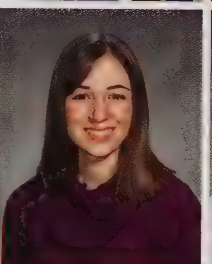
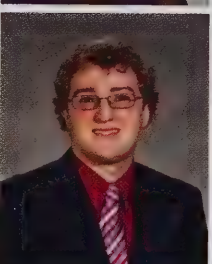
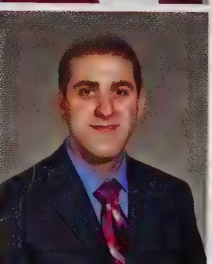
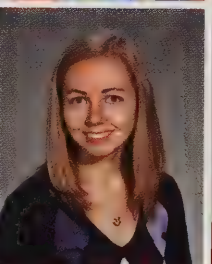
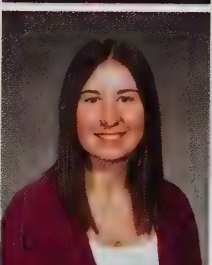
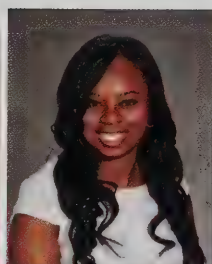
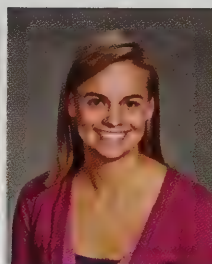
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Paige Kelley teases the hair of Katie Schultz, freshman in DGS, at the "Take a Holiday with Her Campus" event at the ARC on Nov. 30.



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Maeve Leurak, senior in LAS, walks through the gardens of the University Arboretum, a 57-acre property located on the south sides of campus.



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The 2011 Homecoming Court is honored at the annual Pep Rally on the Quad before the Homecoming football game against Northwestern.

Now is time for the lights to dim, for a soft haze to blanket Champaign-Urbana. We have enjoyed our time in the spotlight, relishing our moments to shine in the beacon of our strengths and the humility of our failures.

When the football team went 6-0, we screamed and cheered. When they lost the next six we booed and teared. And when the women's volleyball team took runner up to the national title we leaped yet sighed. We bid farewell to athletics director Ron Guenther, head football coach Ron Zook and many more, while we eagerly looked on to see what chancellor Phyllis Wise, athletics director Mike Thomas and head football coach Tim Beckman would bring to share. We covered our faces when the College of Law scandal came to light, eventually accepting the mistakes of the past.

Individuals protested and made statements in the glow, proclaiming about Occupy Wall Street and other movements to make a difference. Those protestors even flipped the switch off for a day when popular sites like Wikipedia and Reddit protested the Stop Online Privacy Act. We also watched the rebuilding of Green Street with happiness, witnessing the reopening of Mia Za's and Zorba's.

As on and off as this year was, now the lights are dimmed. The year closes, the next big crisis happens and everybody moves on. With this book, we present you the ability to flip the switch back on and to once again bask in the triumphs and trials of this year.

Though the moment to shine was brief and undoubtedly went by in a flash, we did our best to make sure the memories last.



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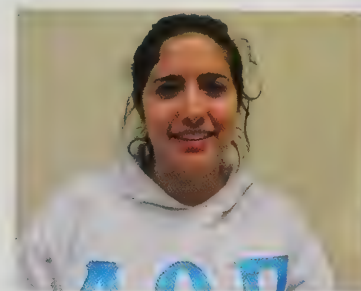
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**ALEXIS
GEORGIADIS**

Junior in Media

**If you could be any animal,
what would you be and why?**

I would be a dolphin because
they are the smartest mammals
that are known and have been
proven by scientists.



**MYA
KING**

Sophomore in FAA

**If you could eat dinner with
anyone living or dead, who
would it be and what would
you eat?**

I would eat dinner with
Beyonce, because she's the
love of my life and I don't know
what we would eat. I think I
would just rather take dance
class with her.



**NICHOLAS
KLEIN**

Freshman in Engineering

**What is your favorite thing to do
on campus?**

Going to the football games
with my buddies at Memorial
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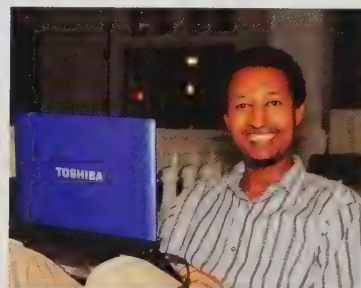


KAYLEE DUNFORD

Freshman in DGS

What was your favorite Grammys moment?

My favorite part of the Grammys was when Adele did her instrumental version of "Rolling in the Deep" because it was after she won her third Grammy.

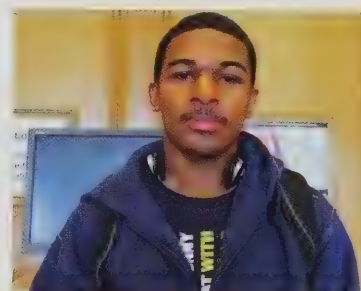


GEMECHU OLANA

Ph.D. Candidate in Education

If you could change one thing about Illinois, what would it be and why?

The weather. It hasn't been that bad this year, but it can be.



RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ

Freshman in Engineering

Who is your hero and why?

My hero is Bill Gates, for making so much and advancing the technology field and creating the Xbox.

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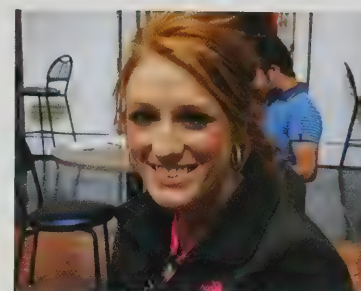
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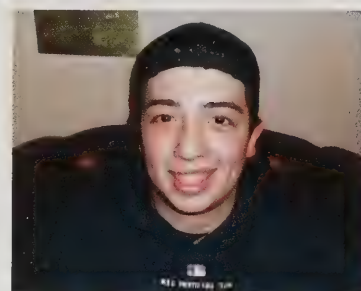


**TRICIA
SABAN**

Junior in LAS

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

A cat, because I get to lay around all day and get petted and snuggly.

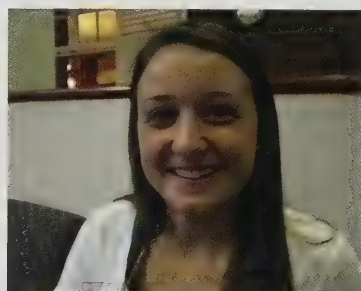


**PIERCE
ALLSTON**

Freshman in FAA

What is your pet peeve and why?

People who walk in the bike lane. I'm a biker, and if I hit them that's their problem.



**REBECCA
DIMONTE**

Freshman in Education

What did you want to be when you grew up as a child? Why do/don't you want to do that anymore?

I always wanted to be a teacher when I was a kid and I still do. I'm passionate about it and I feel like you can be more creative with younger kids so I want to teach elementary.

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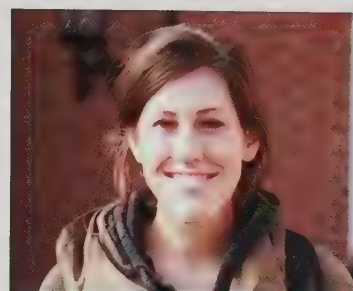
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**ALEX
JOYCE**

Senior in LAS

Who is your favorite person to follow on Twitter?

I mostly follow my friends on Twitter. I also follow Chris Brown because he tweets really dumb things.



**KASIA
GURBISZ**

Junior in AHS

If you could visit any place in the world, where would you choose to go and why?

Australia, because I haven't been there and it sounds like an interesting place.



**BETSY
LOEB**

Junior in Media

Who is your hero and why?

I'll tell you who it's not. It's not Batman. Batman is one of those fake super heroes. If it weren't for his utility belt he wouldn't be able to do anything.

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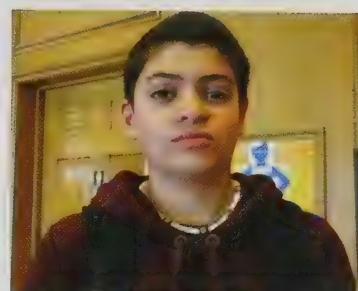
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**ANTONIO
DANIEL**

Freshman in Engineering

**If you could be any animal,
what would you be and why?**

I would be a jellyfish because they don't have normal organs like human beings. They're just kinda weird like that.

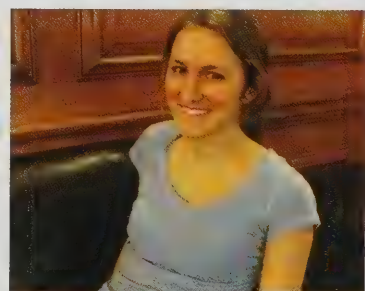


**DAVID
ANDERSON**

Senior in Media

**Where do you want to be in five
years?**

In five years, I'll be working at an advertising agency in Chicago. It'll be awesome. I might live downtown, but it'd be most convenient to live with my parents.



**GRACE
HUCEK**

Sophomore in LAS

Who is your hero and why?

My hero is John Lennon because I really like his music and his lyrics are really important and spread a good message.

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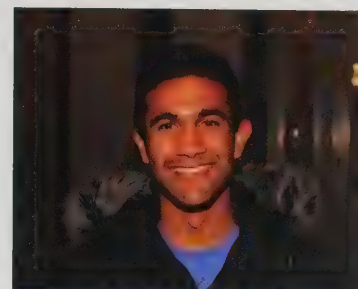
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**AHAMED
MILHAN**

Freshman in LAS

What is the most important thing you've learned at Illinois?

That everyone on campus is as smart as you or smarter.

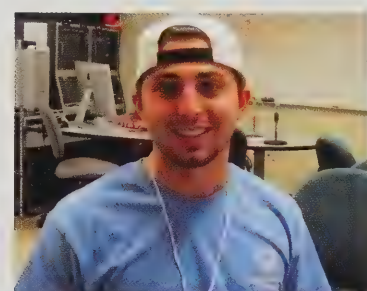


**REBECCA
DERANGO**

Sophomore in LAS

When did you get in the most amount of trouble growing up?

When I was five, my friend and I found an egg carton full of golf balls so we decided to try to sell them. I actually didn't get in trouble for that, I got in trouble because while we were selling them I crossed the street by myself.



**ROBERT
LOWE**

Junior in Media

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

I would be a dog because ladies love the dogs.

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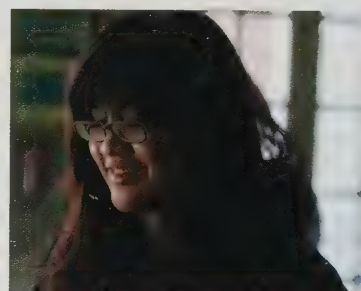


ALEXANDRA HEUVELMAN

Senior in LAS

Describe your perfect day.

My perfect day would be waking up late and going to the movies with my friends. After that, hanging out more with my friends.

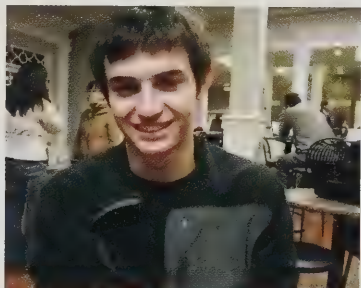


PHATTHAMON SAENMUK

Freshman in DGS

Do you have any hidden talents?

I can ride a unicycle. My neighbor asked if I wanted to learn and I said sure. It's really hard.



JEREMY LERNER

Freshman in LAS

If you had a time machine that could take you to any time period, where would you go and why?

I'd go about 500 years into the future to see what's up. Hopefully it's not a nuclear wasteland, just more technologically advanced.

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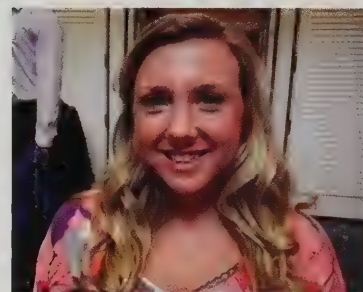


LUIS ANTONIO VASQUEZ

Sophomore in FAA

Describe your perfect mate.

He'd be tall, in shape but not a juice head, just like he takes care of his body. He has to be intelligent, ideally a creative type or a scientist. So me, yes, basically I'd like to date myself.



BRITTANY RENNOLETT

Sophomore in LAS

What's your favorite place to study on campus and why?

My bed in my apartment is my favorite place to study because I can spread all my stuff out and when I get tired I can just take a nap and then get back to work.



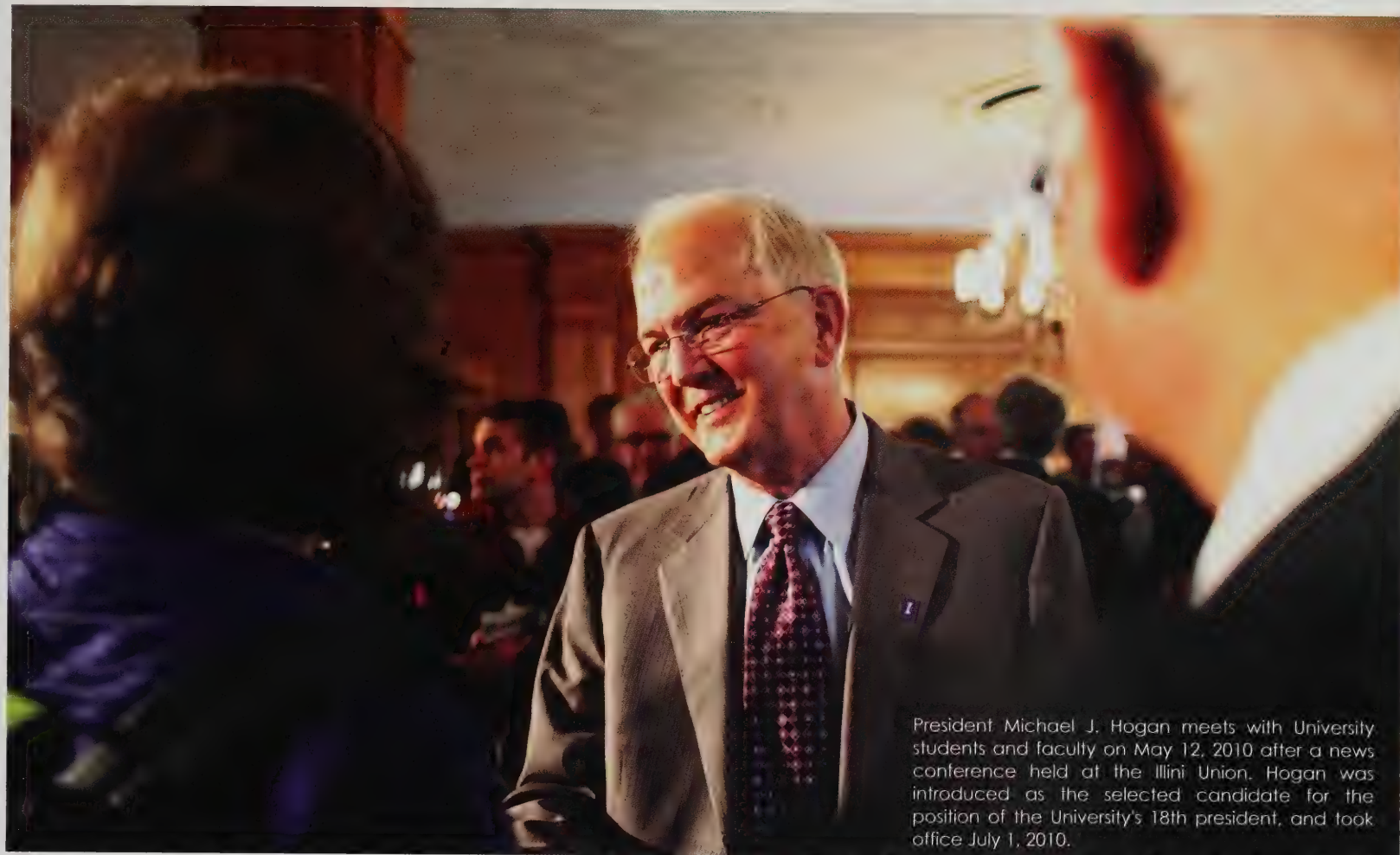
HUIBO HAR

Freshman in DGS

What's the most interesting thing you've learned?

Last year, I went to a farm for a program and picked different apples while also learning about the process and different fruits grown at the farm.

PRESIDENT HOGAN RESIGNS



President Michael J. Hogan meets with University students and faculty on May 12, 2010 after a news conference held at the Illini Union. Hogan was introduced as the selected candidate for the position of the University's 18th president, and took office July 1, 2010.

University President Michael Hogan resigned from the University on March 22, while students and faculty were on spring break. Hogan, who was in the position since May 2010, will remain with the University until July 1.

Robert Easter, most recently the former interim chancellor, will take over for Hogan as the University's 19th president. The notice was announced in a mass email to all University personnel before it was published on the Illinois website.

In the press release, Kennedy discussed the University's accomplishments during Hogan's term, including saving \$30 million for the University and eliminating furlough days for faculty and staff.

Kennedy discussed decisions that were "not popular," and said it has "not been easy."

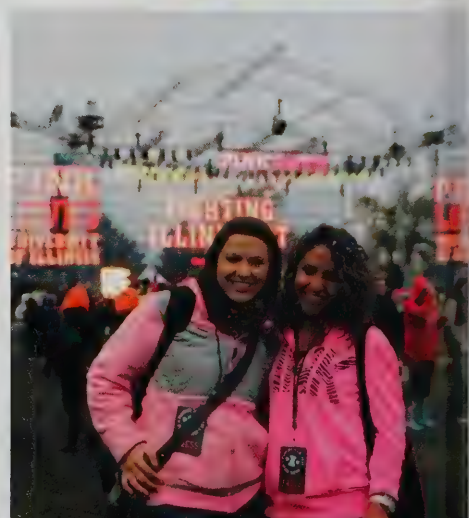
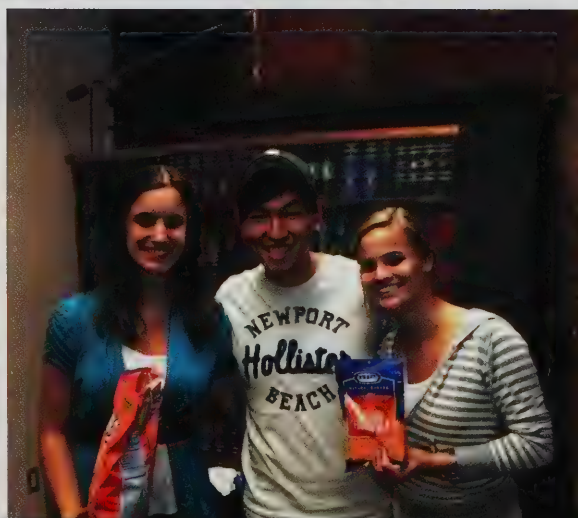
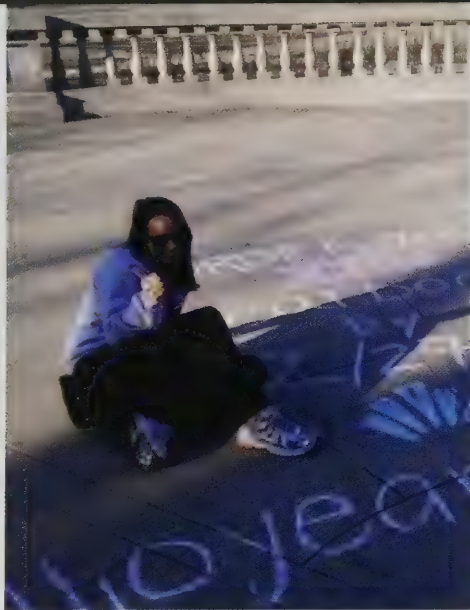
In January, anonymous emails were found to be sent from Hogan's longtime assistant Lisa Troyer's computer to faculty. Emails released from Hogan to Vice President and Chancellor Phyllis Wise revealed the president's "bullying" of Wise when discussing enrollment management on campus.

In February, some faculty and staff members began petitioning for Hogan's resignation. A handful of students followed suit.

Hogan's resignation came two weeks after he sent a mass email discussing a promising future ahead.

Hogan released a statement regarding his resignation, focusing on the financial difficulties of the University and the improvements made during his term.

"We have initiated the reforms necessary to modernize and streamline our business functions and redirect the savings to academic purposes," Hogan said.



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LEFT- ROW 1. Robert Holly passes out flyers at the Illio booth at Quad Day; Megan Whalley poses with one of many Illio chalk messages on the Quad; Staff members edit proofs. **ROW 2.** Hanbo Shim on the roof of Foellinger Auditorium after taking Quad shots; Sarah Feinberg hangs flyers to promote book sales; Urian Franco and Michael Laccabue take a break from photography for a picture themselves. **ROW 3.** Monica Behrmann, Emily Bayci, Lauren Jackson and Christine Nicholson grab a bite to eat at Murphy's; Erjing Cui waits for seniors to check in for their senior pictures at Illini Media. **ROW 4.** Shannon Buckley at Memorial Stadium covering the football team; Emily Bayci, Hanbo Shim and Lauren Whalley pose with cheese after Emily's "cheesy" photo shoot for the ad campaign; Jenny Crawford and Latifah Al-Hazza cover the PINK Party in October with their all-access press passes.



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The Alna Mater reads her favorite book, the Illio, on March 29-30.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This year brought more breaking news than I expected. As administration and athletic coach decisions were made, I wasn't sure we could keep up with who's in and who's out. When anything happened on campus—from the reopening of Za's to President Hogan's resignation—I would immediately think of the Illio. I would find myself saying, "This would make a great giant photo" or "We need to find a way to get this into the book." With so much emphasis on spotlighting the year in its rightful light, the writers, photographers and designers found ways to illuminate campus life.

The executive team should be in the spotlight. I relied on their advice and opinions to make decisions regarding the book. We laughed, yelled, cheered and sometimes were at a loss for words, as we spent hours in the third floor Illio office of 512 E. Green Street. Emily Bayci, thank you for your dedication, your wise advice, your knowledge of AP style, and your determination when I needed it the most. Monica Behrmann, thank you for being flexible and leading a successful design team. Your artistic vision and willingness to make each page better than the last was so refreshing. Hanbo Shim, your smile and positive attitude always lit up the Illio office. Thank you for taking on assignments when you didn't have to and even staying up all night just to capture pictures of the stars. Christine Nicholson, thanks for motivating the editorial staff to find new ways to write stories. Hannah Johnson, thanks for taking on a new role this year and for your ability to look at a blank page and transform it into a spread. Lauren Jackson, thanks for sharing your photo talent and ideas to emphasize the editorial content.

The staff deserves a round of applause. The managing editors and I could never have created another volume of the Illio without each staff member. Robert, Katie and Shannon, thank you for editing and creating unique story outlines as section editors. Thank you to the writers for getting that extra quote and finding a new way to present information. Thank you to the photographers for capturing this year in images from many angles. Thank you to the designers for being patient and having a creative vision to incorporate a variety of stories and photos into a cohesive design. Thank you to Sarah Feinberg and Diana Stomski for making our marketing plan a reality.

Even though Daryl Quitalg was not a member of the Illio staff, he answered many of my photo questions day in and day out from the newsroom. Daryl, thanks for taking the time to share your expertise. Joe Ward, thanks for being our honorary copy editor and critic. A huge thanks to the Daily Illini photographers who always seemed to have the perfect photo when we needed one more for a spread.

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This year was truly unforgettable. While I've had the incredible opportunity to be a part of Illini Media for the past four years, I didn't know what to expect in my final year as editor in chief. Sure, I scribbled notes as I worked my way from editorial intern to content editor to managing editor of writing. But there wasn't a single note that could have prepared me for managing the production of the 119th volume of the Illio. I'm so proud of the book and of each staff member's contributions. Sometimes I felt the Illio office was my second home. But I've realized Champaign-Urbana has been my second home for the past four years and I wouldn't have want it any other way.

Lauren Whalley
Editor in Chief



Lauren with her family in front of the Pi Phi house during Dads Weekend.



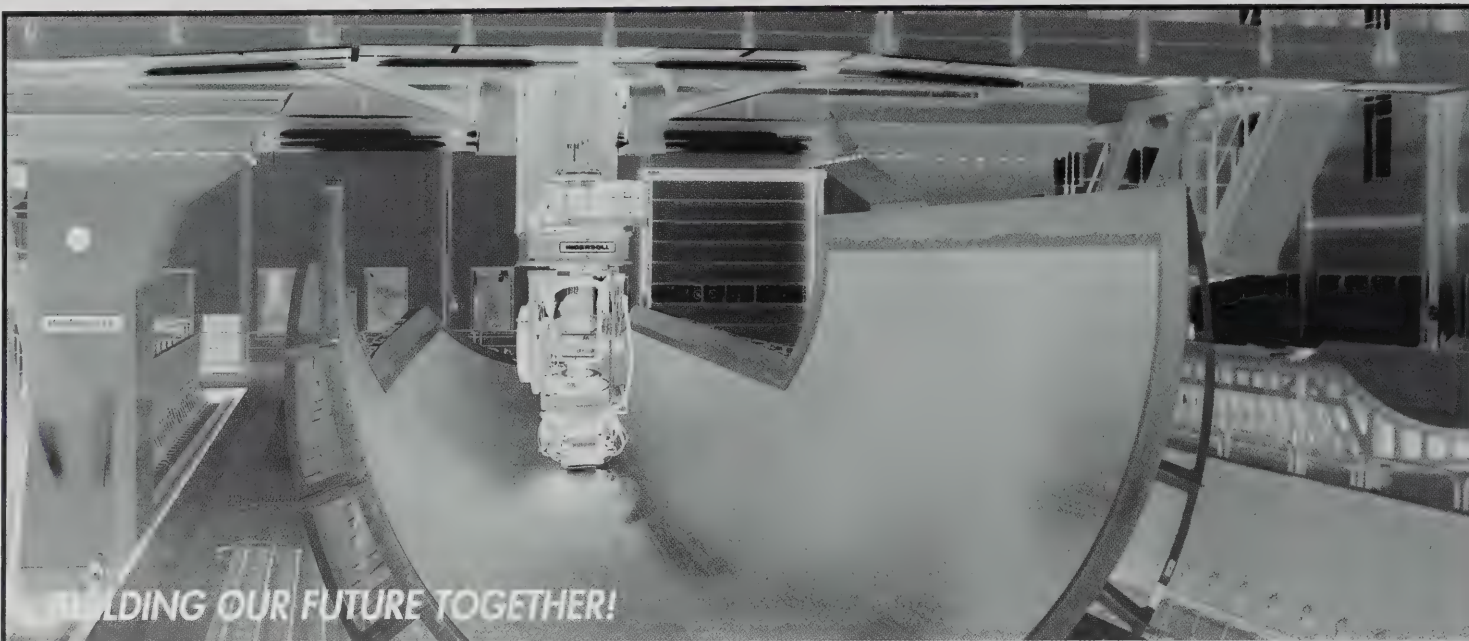
Grandma, Lauren, Megan, Kate and Grandpa celebrating Grandma's birthday.



Lauren with her boyfriend, Brenten.



Lauren, Megan, Grandma, Papa and Kate celebrating their grandparents' 50th anniversary.



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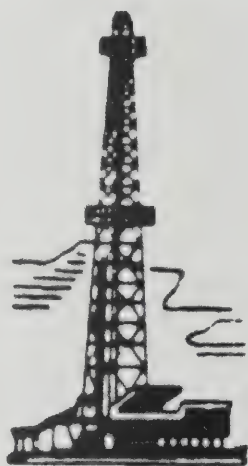
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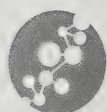
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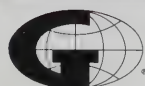


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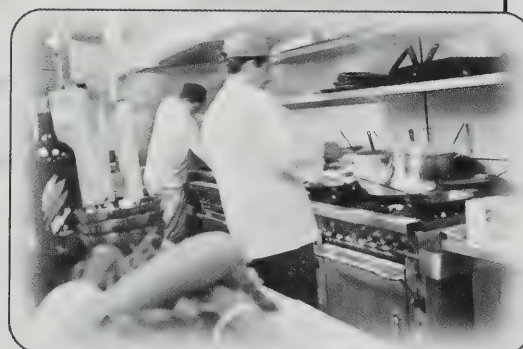


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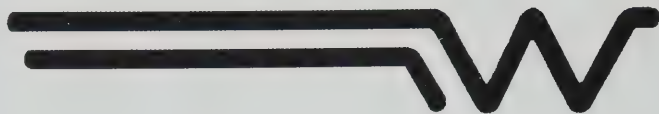
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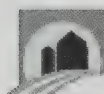


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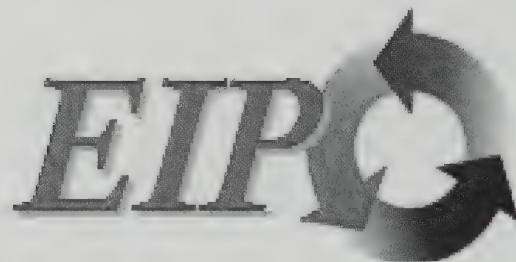
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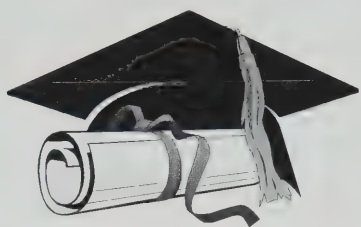
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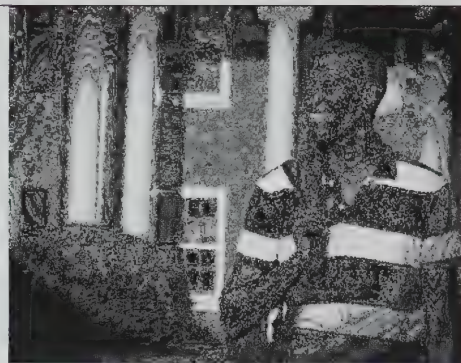
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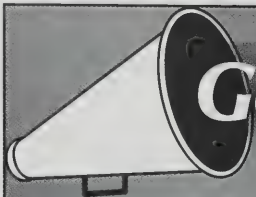
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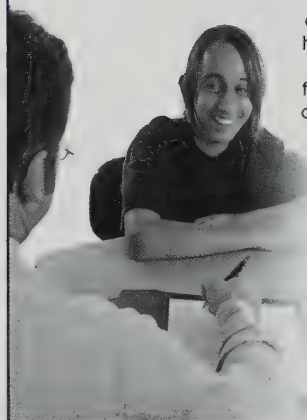
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